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Tory lead in polls points to June election

Labour suffers from Alliance surge

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A June general election appeared more likely last night as two opinion polls gave Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Conservatives a clear 13 and 10 per cent lead on Labour.

The large gap which has opened up is due in part to the sudden surge in Alliance fortunes, mainly at the expense of Labour. Only a continuation of SDP/Liberal popularity seems to stand in the way of a summer election.

Following the largest poll in Britain this year, carried out by Marplan for the Press Association, the Conservatives are on 40 per cent, Labour has 30 and the Alliance is on 27.

A total of 9,170 electors were interviewed on a regional basis between April 8 and 10 and if a general election was held today the Tories could expect to win with an overall majority of about 40.

A second poll, carried out by MORI at the weekend, puts the Tories on 42 per cent, with Labour on 29 and the Alliance on 26. At a general election the Tories could expect a majority of about 100.

The similarity of the two polls, following on from a Harris survey a week ago which gave the Conservatives a 14 per cent lead, will provide more ammunition to MPs and party activists who have been pressing the Prime Minister to choose June.

If local government elections next month confirm present voting intentions, it will be difficult for Mrs Thatcher to resist the chance to seek her third successive election victory.

While Conservative Party chiefs were not commenting officially on the latest polls, the results were greeted with scarcely concealed joy.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party, which has suffered a battering even in its safest strongholds, attempted last night to put a brave face on the latest setback.

A spokesman said: "As our April campaign takes effect we will get a lift in the polls. But this poll confirms yet again that only Labour can win enough seats to replace the Tories.

But another leading Labour insider admitted: "It's a big gap and these polls are beginning to show a depressing consistency."

The only cheerful note for Labour, bedevilled by internal splits recently, is that they have regained second place from the Alliance.

The Marplan poll shows the largest Conservative support is in East Anglia (53 per cent) while Scotland remains its Achilles heel (24 per cent).

Labour's stronghold remains in the north of England, where it retains 44 per cent support, but that is 10 points down on a similar survey for the Press Association in November. Worst areas for Labour are the South-east (16 per cent) and South-west (17 per cent).

In most areas of the country the Alliance has benefited directly from the slump in Labour popularity, while Conservative support has remained fairly steady.

A regional breakdown of voting intentions, with November figures in brackets, is as follows:

North: C 31 (28); Lab 44 (54); All 24 (17); Others 1 (1).
North-west: C 34 (35); Lab 39 (45); All 26 (19); Others 1 (1).
Yorks/Humberside: C 36 931); Lab 39 (50); All 25 (18); Others 0 (1).
West Midlands: C 47 (44); Lab 26 (37); All 26 (18); Others 1 (1).
East Midlands: C 48 (46); Lab 27 (36); All 25 (17); Others 0 (1).
East Anglia: C 53 (48); Lab 20 (30); All 27 (21); Others 0 (1).
Greater London: C 45 (43); Lab 30 (37); All 25 (19); Others 0 (1).
Wales: C 37 (32); Lab 34 (47); All 24 (15); Plaid Cymru 5 (4); Others 0 (2).
Scotland: C 24 (22); Lab 37 (49); All 26 (13); SNP 13 (15); Others 0 (1).

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Dr Pauline Cutting, left, and Susan Wighton in Cyprus yesterday after being evacuated from the Bourj al-Barajneh camp.

Refugees' doctor on way home

From A Correspondent
Nicosia

Dr Pauline Cutting, the British surgeon under death threat from Shia Muslim Amal militiamen, was in Cyprus yesterday on her way home after being evacuated from the besieged Palestinian refugee camp of Bourj al-Barajneh.

"We are relieved in some ways, we are tired and we want to rest but we are very sad to leave our friends," she said in Larnaca. "If you work and live with people in difficult times, you feel close to them. We are here and they are still there."

Dr Cutting and three nurses — Ms Susan Wighton from Glasgow, Mr Ben Alofs, a Dutchman, and Mr Hans Fuschleschner, an Austrian — had been escorted through Amal siege lines by Syrian troops on Monday and then whisked across the Green Line battlefront by Mr John Gray, the British Ambassador, to the Christian port of Jounieh.

The precautions were taken because her work tending Palestinian wounded and, perhaps, the prominent part she played in drawing international attention to the plight of starving refugees during the 5½-month siege, had apparently made her a target.

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Gorbachov gets summit invitation from Reagan

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

President Reagan formally invited Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to attend a third superpower summit meeting in Washington later this year in a letter handed to the Soviet leader yesterday in the Kremlin's ornate St Catherine Hall by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

Senior Kremlin sources later made clear that Mr Gorbachov would accept the invitation if intensive negotiations on securing a deal to eliminate medium-range missiles from Europe at present under way in Moscow made sufficient progress to ensure that an arms control pact could be signed in the US.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, told journalists at the Soviet Foreign Ministry: "If we guarantee good results for such a meeting, we have nothing against it. What we are against is a meeting just for the sake of a meeting."

The Kremlin's position remains that at least one substantive arms control accord must be in the pipeline before Mr Gorbachov will agree a date for the historic trip to Washington that was agreed in principal when the two leaders first met in Geneva in November, 1985.

American sources told *The Times* that the likeliest dates for the proposed summit are October or November. They added that this would give President Reagan time to return in 1988 for a fourth meeting with Mr Gorbachov in Moscow.

In Western diplomatic circles, Mr Reagan's invitation was seen as certain to build up international demands for the Soviet leader to agree to go to Washington. It is widely recognized that both leaders are already under heavy political and economic pressure at home to secure the medium-range missile agreement that would make such a meeting possible.

Optimism about a third summit was increased yesterday when Mr Gerasimov expressed Soviet satisfaction with the atmosphere at the talks on medium-range missiles being conducted here in a special Soviet-American working group, headed on the Moscow side by the country's leading arms control expert, Mr Viktor Karpov. "The atmosphere is favourable," the Kremlin spokesman said, adding that it was premature to forecast the likely outcome.

Although the Soviet official declared that both he and Mr Charles Redman, his counterpart at the US State Department, had agreed not to make any public comment on the substance of the negotiations while they are in progress, Mr Gerasimov let slip that it was medium-range missiles — those with a range of 600 to 3,000 miles — on which the Kremlin believed an agreement was most likely.

Asked whether this view had been formulated before the opening of this week's Moscow talks, Mr Gerasimov responded that the earlier conviction in the Kremlin that this was "the most easily soluble" arms control problem had been confirmed during the latest negotiations here.

These are due to finish later today when Mr Shultz will give a press conference and Soviet television interview before flying to brief Nato officials in Brussels.

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Danger cargoes trapped in ferry

Poisonous chemicals banned by international law from being carried on big passenger ferries are still on board the Herald of Free Enterprise which capsized off Zeebrugge with the loss of about 200 lives.

The chemicals, including cyanide, are aboard a lorry owned by Mr Ian Rycroft, a former Army explosives officer, whose Dorset-based transport firm regularly carries explosives, and radioactive and other hazardous materials.

Mr Rycroft and his firm, E.C. Transport (Wimborne) Limited, was fined a total of £1,600 at Bournemouth Crown Court last July for carrying hazardous explosives listed as less dangerous than they really were, and for exposing people to unnecessary risks.

Judge Arthur D'Hoest, heading the Belgian inquiry into the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise said yesterday that he was "very alarmed" at the prospect of the ferry capsizing again with the dangerous chemicals still on board.

One of his investigators said: "We have heard that some of the chemicals should not even be considered as safe even on cargo ships, let alone passenger ships".

Mr Rycroft said that he had warned Townsend Thoresen, owners of the ferry, that his lorry contained hazardous goods. "I was very surprised that the shipping company put our lorry on the Herald of Free Enterprise. I expected it to travel on a freight-only ferry later the same evening."

"The shipper supplied the documentation which was ex-

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Mr Broomfield, unaware of dangerous cargo.

Callaghan sidesteps on defence

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister, has made his opposition to his party's unilateralist defence policy crystal clear without uttering a word.

In the final instalment of a three-part interview to be broadcast on Channel 4 on Friday week, he repeatedly sidesteps questions on what he thinks of Labour's unilateralism and its intention to remove American nuclear bases from Britain.

The programme will show Mr Callaghan and Mr Brian Walden, the interviewer, clashing repeatedly and angrily over his refusal to answer those questions.

The final installment of the interview is ten minutes shorter than the first two.

Channel 4 will tell viewers Mr Callaghan agreed to answer questions on defence, and that Brian Walden curtailed the interview because of Mr Callaghan's responses.

Thatcher accused of 'secret' plan for VAT on basic items

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Government is secretly planning to introduce VAT on food, heating fuel, children's clothing, new buildings, newspapers and books, Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, claimed yesterday.

He said that plans almost completed by EEC officials in Brussels would end the zero rating which now applies in Britain to such essential items and enable the Treasury to raise about £6.5 billion a year.

The Treasury confirmed that the EEC is expected to recommend that VAT is applied to such essential goods, but it refused to say whether it would be supported or opposed by the British Government.

Mr Hattersley called on Mrs Thatcher to give a categorical undertaking that she would not allow the imposition of VAT on basic items. But last night Downing Street declined to give such a guarantee.

He said the abandonment of zero rating would be catastrophic, particularly for pensioners and those on low or average incomes, but would prove a "Godsend" for the Government.

"It would raise enough revenue to get back the money which Nigel Lawson gave away in his Budget."

According to the Government's own figures, the end of zero rating would cost a family with two children more than £10 a week, Mr Hattersley said. He claimed that if the standard 15 per cent VAT rate was applied across the board the extra tax raised would include £3,500 million from food, £1,400 million from fuel, £875 million from new construction, including houses, £300 million from newspapers and periodicals, £225 million from children's clothes, £90 million from books and £50 million from children's shoes.

Mr Hattersley said it was now known for certain that Civil Servants working for Lord Cockfield, the former minister appointed by Mrs Thatcher as British Commissioner at the EEC, had almost completed plans to force the UK into increasing VAT.



Part of Lord Cockfield's job was to harmonize Europe into a single market.

"We know that the Treasury itself is working on the ways that extra VAT can be imposed, and that the Prime Minister has consistently refused to rule out massive VAT increases after the next election if she remains in office.

It was not clear in Brussels whether Lord Cockfield would make a formal proposal to abolish zero rating next month or the month after. "that is to say before or after a June general election".

Mr Hattersley, in a statement issued at Westminster, said: "The Government's clear duty is to make its position plain, here and now".

While the Government was "pretending" to oppose the ending of zero rating on new buildings in the European Court, its own Commissioner, a close confidant of the Prime Minister, was attempting to end zero rating completely.

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Syrian troops move south to Sidon

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Awali Bridge, southern Lebanon

Led by an armoured personnel carrier flying a Palestinian flag, about 150 Syrian troops yesterday crossed the Awali River and took up positions in the northern outskirts of Sidon, effectively extending Syria's military presence in southern Lebanon for the first time in more than four years.

Ironically, the young soldiers dumped their bags and camped in the same empty lot the Israeli Army had used as a tank base until its withdrawal from Sidon in February 1985.

Syrian soldiers also moved to and placed portraits of President Assad at least one checkpoint along the 22-mile road that links Sidon with Beirut. They joined Lebanese Army soldiers who had replaced Druze militiamen of Mr Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party, until recently in control of the road.

Two gunmen, apparently Palestinian guerrillas toting a grenade launcher and a sub-machine-gun, were seen studying the Syrians' moves

But up in in the hills to the east of Sidon, the deployment was being observed with well-founded suspicion. Palestinian guerrillas entrenched in positions captured from Shia Amal militia last October have seen every single Syrian move as a boost for Amal's battered fighting machine.

"Let them come, let them try to get us out of here by force and we will see what will happen," said a Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) guerrilla at deserted Ain ed Dilb, one hamlet Amal lost during the Palestinian offensive of October in the first phase of the five-month "war of the camps".

Less defiant, a PLO official predicted there would be no problems with the Syrians "unless they come to help Amal". The Palestinians, he said, "have been more than clear: we will consider withdrawal of our forces back to our (refugee) camps only when the Amal siege of Chatila and Bourj al-Barajneh is completely lifted".

The Syrians halted Amal fire against the camps and food and medicines have began to arrive to thousands of Palestinians trapped in the ruins of their homes.

The deployment to the northern fringes of Sidon came seven weeks after Syria sent nearly 8,000 troops to west Beirut in a bid to halt the rule of the militias in the Muslim sector of the Lebanese capital, but also to check the resurgence of power of the PLO chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, in Lebanon.

Ward offers to return part of Guinness cash

An offer to return to Britain part of the £5.2 million fee paid to him by Guinness for his work in the drinks group's takeover of Distillers was made to the High Court yesterday by the American lawyer, Mr Thomas Ward

Mr Ward and the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, Mr Ernest Saunders, will learn today whether their appeal against an order freezing their assets in this country will be lifted.

Mr Peter Curry, QC, for Mr Ward, said there was no case against his client.

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Breast cancer breakthrough brings new hope

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Advances in cancer research could spare most women the ordeal of having a breast removed because of tumours and may lead to drugs to prevent cancer developing, specialists announced yesterday.

Each year about 24,000 women in Britain are diagnosed as having breast cancer, of whom about 15,000 die. A mastectomy is the most common form of treatment, but specialists say it leaves deep psychological scars.

A form of therapy in use at Guy's Hospital, London, conserves the breast, avoids major surgery and produces cosmetic results said to range from "good to excellent" in over 80 per cent of cases.

The technique has been shown to be as effective against breast cancer as mastectomy, but specialists cannot yet be certain it offers patients similar prospects of long-term survival. After a mastectomy, four out of five women live at least five years.

Medical trials of the therapy, launched by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund at Guy's, have just been completed. Mr Ian Fentiman, a consultant surgeon and deputy director of the hospital research unit, said yesterday: "We are sufficiently pleased with the results to offer this therapy as first-line treatment to all appropriate patients."

The treatment involves removing the lump in the breast and the lymph glands in the armpit, the usual first site of spread. While under the anaesthetic, radioactive material is implanted in the breast to attack the tumour. The implant is removed after 48 hours and the patient is given radiotherapy as an out-patient.

"Now that we have shown there is a treatment which saves the breast and is as effective as mastectomy, we hope women will be encouraged to take up offers of screening and that more will come to us when their cancer is at an earlier stage," Mr Fentiman said.

Although some hospitals offer other treatments which avoid mastectomy, many surgeons still believe that removal of the breast offers the best chance of survival. They suspect that existing conservation treatments carry a greater risk of recurrence.

"We all hope that mastectomy will eventually become redundant. In the meantime, I believe women should at least be offered a choice," Mr Fentiman said.

Psychological studies of patients at Guy's showed that women treated by breast conservation suffered less often from anxiety and depression.

Researchers funded by the ICRF have also found that women who developed breast cancer had more biologically active hormones than those who did not. As a result, drugs have been developed which show some promise of being able to prevent breast cancer developing.

A three-year study of the hormone link has begun and may provide "important answers", Mr Fentiman said.

"We may be able to identify women at greater risk of breast cancer in order that they can either be very closely monitored or perhaps encouraged to take a drug which may alter their hormone profile.

"In this way it is possible that the prevention of some breast cancer may become a reality."

Another ICRF team has identified a feature of breast cancer cells which may be common to lung and other cancers, and has developed a natural molecule which could be used to improve diagnosis and treatment.

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- There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, three times the usual amount as there have been no winners for the past two days.
- The weekend game will be played on Good Friday when the weekly prize will be £16,000, double the usual amount, as well as the daily prize. So be sure to order The Times this Friday.
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Clyde plan may mean 3,500 jobs

Plans were announced yesterday for a £150 million Clydeside development creating 3,500 jobs and stretching across 200 acres at Braehead.

The scheme, by Clyde Port Authority and Tarmac Construction, includes shops, houses, a high-technology park, and hotel and leisure facilities. It will also include a maritime centre, highlighting the history of the Clyde.

It could clash with the Rover Group's plan for a similar development at its former car plant at Bathgate, Lothian. *Mr Robert Easton, Clyde Port Authority chairman, said it* was clear that only one of the projects would be permitted by the Scottish Office.

When the port authority was formed 20 years ago it inherited the Braehead area among the ageing complex of Glasgow docks. Mr Easton said: "We do regret that areas like these will never again throng with ships and trade but we are delighted that in their new role they are becoming important assets for the community."

Wyman's offer



Bill Wyman, of the Rolling Stones, yesterday announced plans to give teenagers free use of a mobile recording studio.

He has already invested £40,000 in the scheme, and will continue to fund it until a sponsor is found.

The studio, originally built by the Rolling Stones, has served groups such as Dire Straits, Led Zeppelin, The Who and Level 42.

Now youngsters keen to follow in their footsteps will be given a chance to record in it as the truck tours the regions, aided by local government support.

£50 water meters

Householders may have to pay the full cost of installing water meters if they are compulsorily introduced in all homes, Mr Gordon Jones, chairman of the Water Authorities Association, said yesterday .

Mr Jones estimated the total cost at £500 million , representing a possible bill of up to £50 for every household. The idea of paying for water by the amount used has been given an added stimulus by the Government's intention of replacing domestic rates with a poll tax. Water rates are at present based on rateable values. The association expects the first steps towards privatization of the water authorities to be taken before the end of this year.

New clue to attack

Detectives hunting the person who sexually assaulted a girl aged four yesterday said they wanted to interview a man seen carrying a young girl near where she was found.

They had reports of the *man being seen on waste* ground in the Whitehill area of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, where the assault happened on Saturday.

The girl is said to be in a stable condition at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Doctors will decide today whether she is fit to be questioned.

Children at risk

May is the worst month for road accidents involving children aged between five and nine, with more than twice as many deaths and serious injuries than January, the safest.

This is put down partly to the start of warmer weather encouraging outdoor play.

The Government figures show that, of 407 deaths and serious injuries in May 1985, 279 were boys and 128 girls.

The Department of Transport has just completed a campaign warning of the dangers.

Alliance split over Labour deal widens

By Our Political Reporter

A widening gulf between the Liberals and Social Democrats over whether the Alliance could reach a post-election agreement with the Labour Party was clearly apparent last night.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said in Greenock: "Whatever our personal feelings, our attitude to the other two parties is one of scrupulous neutrality".

He stressed that it would be *Alliance MPs, not he or Dr* David Owen, who would make any decisions on coalition.

At the same time Mr John Cartwright, the SDP chief whip and Alliance defence spokesman, was warning in Manchester that while the Alliance would talk to either *party in the event of a hung* Parliament, the problems of doing a deal with Labour on defence could not be underestimated.

The comments of Mr Steel, who has said he would personally feel extremely uncomfortable working with the Conservatives, were seen last night as a rebuff to Dr Owen

In a weekend television interview, Dr Owen had come as close as he could to saying that he could do a deal with the Tories but not with Labour. His remarks, though evidently designed to woo wavering Tory voters, had angered senior Liberals.

However the forthright speech delivered by Mr Cartwright, who is one of Dr Owen's closest political colleagues, was seen as an indication that Dr Owen was not prepared to backtrack. Mr Cartwright intimated that Labour's unilateralism was too ingrained to be jettisoned, as the Alliance would require.

He spoke of the irresponsibility of Labour's defence policy and said it would be profoundly destabilizing to Nato. Labour's official support for Nato hid a gut belief *in neutralism felt by many* leading Labour activists.

By way of corroboration he produced a statement that appeared in the left-wing newspaper Tribune 18 months ago which included the sentence: "We believe a Britain not aligned to any major power is best placed to advance these policies."

Among those who had signed this statement were Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign director; Mr Martin O'Neill, Labour's defence spokesman; Mr Neil Kinnock's parliamentary private secretary, Mr Kevin Barron and shadow cabinet members Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Stan Orme.

Mr Cartwright said: "It is hard to take seriously Neil Kinnock's professed support for Nato when his policies would undermine its basic *stability and when so many* of his closest political colleagues would much prefer to quit the Western Alliance altogether".

Labour chief attacks 'lies' over council leasing debts

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Labour launched its local election campaign yesterday, denying claims that left-wing *councils had built up financial* burdens totalling £5,000 million in the hope of being bailed out by a future Labour government.

Dr John Cunningham, the shadow environment secretary, accused Government ministers of "dishonesty" and "lies" in their exploitation of the issue.

He said claims by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Rhodes Boyson, minister for local government, that banks and City institutions risked losing money lent to left-wing authorities were a *lie.*

The amounts lent were small relative to the authorities' assets and in any case lenders had first call on local authority revenues.

He said the figure of £5,000 million, cited at the weekend in *The Sunday Times*, was "plucked out of thin air and not substantiated at all".

He said that Tory as well as Labour authorities had entered leaseback arrangements.

Dr Cunningham conceded that a small number of councils would face repayment problems because their loans were short term, but described as "another piece of black propaganda" the suggestion that a Labour government would bail out the councils.

The solution was to reschedule the repayment as the Government had allowed Conservative-controlled Harrogate to do.

Dr Cunningham said that government restrictions had devastated local government finances. "Therein lies the seedcorn of this creative accountancy."

He said the May 7 local *elections would provide a* crucial test of the parties' policies, but both he and his deputy, Mr Jack Straw, were modest in their predictions of Labour success.

Dr Cunningham said Labour would win control of 10 or 12 more councils.

He declined to predict whether Labour would regain control of Liverpool, where the national party has been fighting a running battle to expel local Militants.

The two men were at pains to direct attention to the records on jobs and services of moderate Labour councils.

The campaign would be fought on Labour's commitments to reducing unemployment by one million over two years and to freeing councils to provide services

Labour councillors in Birmingham presented a moderate face to the electorate yesterday after successfully burying an "alternative" left wing manifesto.

The controlling Labour group on the city council launched its own moderate policy statement at a press conference at which Mr Bryan Gould, the party's national campaign co-ordinator, declared that Birmingham was "an excellent example" of what a successful Labour authority could achieve.

His dismissed as "a relatively unimportant technical problem" the decision of the party's national executive to suspend the Birmingham district Labour Party, which moderates feared was increasingly dominated by left-wing activists.



Mr David Ormiston, whose condition is said to be stable. Dr Peter Schofield (above, left) carries the donor heart used at Wythenshawe Hospital, south Manchester, yesterday for a transplant operation performed on Mr David Ormiston.

Mr Ormiston, aged 47, is the first patient to undergo a heart transplant at the hospital. He had to wait five months for the operation and received the heart of a man aged 30 who was killed in a car accident last weekend.

Last night Mr Ormiston's condition was described as stable. He took food for the first time and talked to hospital staff but his wife, Lynn, was not allowed into the ward because she had a throat infection.



Unionists seek unity in election campaign

Leaders of the two main Unionist parties in Northern Ireland met yesterday in an effort to ease tension over the campaign of opposition to the Anglo-Irish agreement in the run-up to the general election .

Mr James Molyneaux and the Rev Ian Paisley met "to put in hand the necessary procedures to prepare a joint manifesto relating to the forthcoming elections and the tactics to be employed thereafter", a statement from the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) headquarters said.

"The two leaders are confident that this reflects the overwhelming desire of the unionist community to recognize that such unity is strength", it said.

Earlier, the DUP executive announced that it would not contest any marginal unionist seat that could be lost to a republican candidate. It would also not run against any sitting Official Unionist MP who it was satisfied would abide by an agreed manifesto and tactics.

This contradicted an earlier undertaking by the Official Unionists that they would give a clear run, without qualifications, to all of Northern Ireland's 14 Unionist MPs.

The apparent attempt at electoral unity scarcely disguises the growing differences between the two parties, particularly over the question of a parliamentary boycott.

Official Unionist MPs are under increasing pressure from their constituencies to return to Westminster to guard Ulster interests, particularly in the light of such developments as Monday's cutbacks in employment at the big Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. But the three Democratic Unionist MPs are resolutely maintaining their absolute ban on any participation at Westminster.

Mr Sammy Wilson, press officer for the DUP, said that one question to be resolved in any electoral pact would be the attitude of sitting MPs to participation at Westminster. Another would be their attitude towards talks in the present administration and the incoming government.

Colleges welcome Baker proposal

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

A proposal in the White Paper on Higher Education to take polytechnics out of local authority control and fund *them directly from Whitehall* was welcomed yesterday by the directors of 30 polytechnics in England and Wales.

But at their annual conference in Coventry , the directors warned Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, that the proposal would need big injections of Government funds as polytechnics have no capital resources.

They said that lecturers' and professors' salaries, which average £5,000 less than at universities, must be made competitive if polytechnics are to *maintain their success.*

Dr Ray Rickett, chairman of the Committee of Directors, said the proposal would release polytechnics from political pressure by local authorities.

"It means that in looking for a contract we can go straight to the company of our choice instead of waiting for the county or metropolitan council to give the decision political clearance", he said. Only a small minority of directors were opposed to the plan, but he would not disclose who. Mr Baker told the directors that independent status would give polytechnics the scope to provide industry with the qualified students it needed into the next century.

He said the polytechnics had cut unit costs by 19 per cent since 1979, and considerably tightened student-staff ratios without reducing academic standards.

"This is evidenced by the fact that the number of first-class degrees awarded by polytechnics in 1985 showed an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year."

Mr Baker said that polytechnics earned an average of £800,000 each in 1984-85 through collaboration with industry in research and consultancy.

"My aim is to allow polytechnics to exploit their potential to the full. They will own their own assets, be responsible for their own decisions and actions, and be free to forge links with industry locally and nationally", he said.

Teachers fear 'exam throttling'

By Our Education Reporter

Teachers fear a "levelling down" of their own standards as a result of the Government's plans for a national curriculum with "bench mark" tests for children at the ages of seven, 11, and 14.

At the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association Conference in Harrogate, Yorkshire, yesterday, Mrs Anne Gray said: "The danger is a stultifying routine geared to testing. Much-needed growth in higher level educa*tion skills will be killed off.*"

Mrs Gray, a teacher from Wakefield, said: "If Mr Baker wants to drive down to schools the responsibility for decision-making in finance, why are teachers not equally competent to decide on curriculum matters?"

The conference is deeply opposed to the new initiative and to the provisions made in the 1986 Education Act controlling the teaching of politics and sex.

The national curriculum will "recreate an exam-throttled education system", Mr Peter Smith, deputy general *secretary of the association* said later.

Delegates said another government initiative, the City Technology Colleges, which are to be separate from local authorities and sponsored by industry, would cream off the most able pupils, industry support, and top quality staff.

Two colleges have been announced so far with sponsorship of £1 million each from Hanson Trust and from Dixons, the electrical retailing firm. Jo Harper, a Dorset teacher, called on the association's 123,000 members to boycott these companies' products.

But the union executive is not expected to take up the challenge.

Mr Lyndon Emery, a teacher at a Hull sixth-form college, said that if the college proposed by Dixons in South Yorkshire were to cream off the most highly motivated pupils, there would be serious problems for the sixth form colleges in Sheffield.

● Funding for the introduction of the new 16-plus GCSE amounts to half a Mars bar per pupil per day, according to parents' surveys.

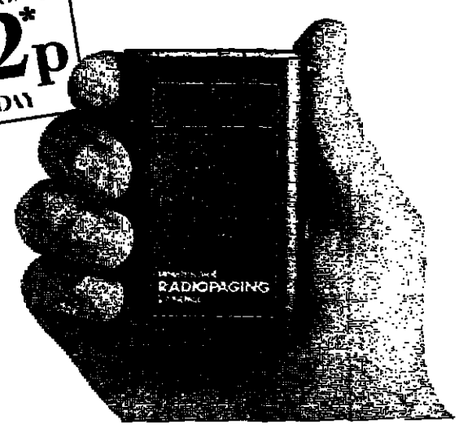
Mr Peter Jackson, a Bradford teacher, told the conference that the survey by the National Confederation of Parent-Teachers Associations, highlighted the urgent need for more funds for the exam, now moving towards its third term.

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Customs men resign from union

By Roland Rudd

A demand for a special allowance for intimate body searching of suspected smugglers has led 25 customs officers to resign from their union and threaten to form a rival union.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants did not believe the claim by officers at Gatwick Airport merited an allowance.

Mr John Bordessa, a spokesman for the custom officers, said: "No other Civil Servant has to put up with the same appalling working conditions of long hours and anti-social behaviour".

A resolution in favour of the special allowance was defeated at last year's union conference. When a new motion calling for the special allowance was dropped from this year's conference handbook the custom officers decided to resign.

Mr Bordessa is writing to all custom officers at Britain's airports inviting them to join a new breakaway union which he promises will fight for their special rights.

Mr David Hahn, the union branch secretary for London airports, said the row had been simmering for 18 months. But he hoped they would return to the union to give strength to its campaign for a 15 per cent pay rise.

BBC controversies

Programme was 'contempt'

The BBC has been criticized by a High Court judge for a programme in which prejudicial references were made to a forthcoming murder trial.

Mr Justice Pain said that the BBC 2 programme *Out of Court* was "a preposterous piece of work by the BBC and constituted an extremely negligent contempt". He has referred the matter to the Attorney General for consideration of possible proceedings under the Contempt of Court Act.

The programme, which referred to the killing of Mr Victor Hayward was broadcast on the evening of March 25, a few days before a man was due to be tried for his murder at St Albans Crown Court.

A five-minute extract from the programme, which is presented by Sue Cook, about the case included the words "there wasn't much doubt about how he died or who was responsible".

However the accused man Michael Waugh, aged 24, had denied the murder which happened at a West Indian birthday party in Luton last July.

Yesterday he was convicted and jailed for life.

Governors rule on Falklands play

The BBC governors yesterday told Mr Ian Curteis, author of *The Falklands Play*, that they agree with the management decision not to produce the play (Our Media Correspondent writes).

They told Mr Curteis that the BBC was prepared to surrender its rights to the play, leaving the author free to sell it elsewhere.

Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the governors, said in a letter to Mr Curteis that a play with such political overtones could not be shown in the run-up to an election.

Mr Curteis said last night that he found the BBC's argument questionable. He said a recent Granada dramatization of the Westland affair, using actors to represent members of the Cabinet, had caused no public protest.

However, Mr Hussey's letter had left open the possibility of the BBC producing his play after an election, "so one has not given up hope entirely".

Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC Television, has taken out a writ for libel against *The Sunday Telegraph*, which has mounted a campaign in support of Mr Curteis's claim that the play was cancelled because he had refused to agree to alterations in the script making it less sympathetic to the Prime Minister.

Mr Cotton alleged that he had been defamed by a profile published in the newspaper which discussed his role in the BBC's decision not to move ahead with *The Falklands Play*. Mr Curteis is not a defendant in the case.

Racal job cuts

Racal is to cut 315 jobs from its radio communications group, which specializes in military equipment. Redundancies will be at three Berkshire plants, in Bracknell, Reading and Slough.

Wider VAT 'would hit homes supply'

By Staff Reporters

The introduction of VAT on houses would seriously damage the supply of new homes *and cause bankruptcies* among builders, Mr Roger Humber, director of the House Builders Federation, said last night.

He said that in the long term the price could be absorbed in the cost of land, but by that time it would have caused *great disruption in the new* homes industry.

Builders faced with the introduction of VAT at either the full rate of 15 per cent or at a lower rate would try to absorb some of the cost, and would either have to pass on the rest or sell their houses at a loss.

"If it was brought in overnight it would have a severe effect on the cost of houses under construction and there is no doubt there would be bankruptcies because some builders would not be able to sell their houses."

Mr Humber said that in the medium term there would still be serious damage to the new *homes industry because* houses would be constructed on land bought without the assumption of VAT.

The Food and Drink Federation said last night that it remained adamantly opposed to the extension of VAT on food.

A considerable political difficulty is posed by the fact that food prices are a key element in the retail price index. An increase of just a few pence on standard items such as bread, meat, dairy produce, fruit, vegetables, sugar, tea and coffee would have a marked effect on inflation.

Proposals to impose VAT on books, magazines and newspapers will be vigorously opposed by trade associations.

Lord Stockton, chairman of Macmillan Publishers, said yesterday that putting VAT on books would be tantamount to taxation of reading, and would price books out of the reach of those who need them to further their education.

Mr Dougal Nisbet-Smith, director of the Newspaper Society, which represents 1,250 regional titles, said that even if the European Commission does not move to impose VAT on a Community-wide basis, there remains a danger that a re-elected Conservative government would impose VAT on newspapers on a national basis.

Because there is only one VAT rate in Britain, this could have serious effects and could lead to the closure of hundreds of titles.

IRA quartermaster jailed for bomb campaign at resorts

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A member of the Provisional IRA who is thought to have been one of the key men behind the Brighton bombing was jailed for 16 years yesterday.

Michael McKenny, aged 60, a grandfather, helped to launch a bombing campaign aimed at resorts all over Britain.

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday, Mr Justice Boreham told him: "I am satisfied that you are and have been for a long time a dedicated and valued supporter of the Provisional IRA."

The public needed to be protected from him, although he was not in the same class as other IRA figures jailed for the resorts plot, and may not have known where the bombs were destined.

The jury reached its guilty verdict after four hours' deliberation and a seven-day trial.

The investigation into McKenny's crimes has led Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad to believe he played a key role in organizing the Brighton bombing, and acted as quartermaster for many IRA units operating on the mainland.

One of the oldest IRA men put on trial, McKenny, who suffers from high blood pressure, could spend the rest of his life in prison.

He was a stockman from Dromore, Co. Down, but lived in the Irish Republic, and so was not used in an active service unit. But he could store devices, buy components, test them and then organize routes to smuggle them into Britain.

Detectives believe devices have been brought into Britain across the Irish Channel on small boats such as fishing vessels or hidden on coastal freighters.

Bomb material could be carried by a passenger destined to join an active service unit. The routes and boats are varied and smuggling may only take place once a year, making naval checks difficult and expensive.

McKenny supplied devices for Patrick Magee, the Brighton bomber, when he and his unit gathered in Glasgow two years ago to prepare for an assault on seaside resorts, ports and London hotels at the height of the holiday season.

In the autumn of 1984 Magee and others planted the time bomb which wrecked the Grand Hotel on Brighton's sea front during the Conservative Party conference, killing five people.

The Yard believes it was McKenny who sent the device to the bombers, as he did for other attacks, possibly including the Hyde Park and Regent's Park bombs in 1982 and the Harrods attack.

McKenny said in court that he had joined the IRA in the early 1970s. After "Bloody Sunday" in Londonderry in 1972, when soldiers opened fire and killed 13, he allowed his farm to be used for storage of arms and equipment.

In 1973 his farm was searched by security forces and he and his brother James were arrested. He was jailed for 10 years, but James McKenny fled to the Irish Republic.

In the Maze prison, McKenny's behaviour was exemplary and he earned maximum remission of 50 per cent in Ulster – unlike the 33 per cent in Britain – and was released in 1977 after serving five years.

Magee is now serving a recommended minimum of 35 years for the Brighton bombing and the resorts conspiracy. The other four members of the active service unit are serving life sentences.

Women pilots explore new frontiers



The first three women pilots to be employed by British Airways, Jill Develin (left), Wendy Barnes (centre) and Lyan Barton in the cockpit of a Boeing 747 yesterday during a Press conference held by the airline (Our Air Correspondent writes).

British Airways promised that in future all its pilots would be recruited on merit regardless of sex. Even though it may now be easier for women to become pilots, it has been a long, hard road for the pioneers.

Miss Barnes had to spend £13,000 of her own money, suffer years of ribbing and overcome bias in the education system.

She said: "There is absolutely no difference between men and women as pilots.

At school she had been told to do "something sensible" like nursing or teaching.

But Miss Barnes, now aged 27, took private flying lessons, then worked for Air UK and British Island Airways before being accepted by British Airways.

She will start on a salary of £17,800 and fly BAC 1-11 jets from Birmingham. Miss Barton, aged 30, is starting conversion training on Boeing 747s. Mrs Devlin, aged 30, is to fly HS 748s with the airline's Highland division. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Television survey

ITV 'has the most violence'

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The ITV network broadcastsnearly three times as much bad language and violence as any one of the other three channels, according to a study commissioned by the BBC.

The confidential report, showing the ITV stations are responsible for almost half the violent acts and bad language on television, is likely to prove highly embarrassing to the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

But it is likely to relieve pressure on the BBC and Channel 4, which have tended to receive the bulk of the criticism levelled at broadcasters.

The study is based on a close monitoring of four weeks of television by a team of researchers from Aston University, who measured acts of violence according to criteria which are claimed to be highly objective.

Their findings are considered to constitute the most comprehensive survey ever undertaken in Britain of the incidence of television violence. The results are intended to become a benchmark for future research.

The preliminary data was presented to the BBC two months ago, with additional information delivered last month. The Corporation said yesterday it is continuing to study the data and intends to release it publicly when it is in final form.

The researchers found that while the amount of violence and bad language used on ITV was almost equal to that of all the other channels combined, BBC1, BBC2 and Channel 4 each broadcast approximately the same amount of questionable material.

The initial draft of the report also contained a measurement of nudity and sexual acts shown on television. The amount of sexual material broadcast appears to be fairly minimal, despite the wide publicity that it attracts. It is understood that this section of the report may be published separately.

The study says that the most violent programming is imported from America. Films, both American and domestic, were also found to be prone to violent portrayals.

The work was commissioned by the BBC as part of a wide-ranging investigation of television violence spawned by the creation of an internal BBC committee headed by Mr Will Wyatt, head of factual programming.

Last year, the Wyatt committee published new guidelines stressing the need to limit violence to the minimum necessary for dramatic effect and news reporting. The report also insisted that producers respect the 9pm family viewing watershed.

The Aston study found that for the most part, the watershed was being observed.

● Channel Four Television was fined £2,500 by the High Court yesterday after admitting that, through an error of judgment, it broadcast a programme which threatened to prejudice a trial at Manchester Crown Court.

The offence occurred in the programme *Irish Angle*, broadcast on July 20 last year.

Farms get guidelines on mass trespass

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

New guidelines for farmers and landowners faced with mass trespass were issued by the Government yesterday.

The advice clearly anticipates a possible repetition of the invasion last year by a hippy "peace convoy" which created havoc after being refused permission to hold a midsummer solstice festival at Stonehenge.

Owners are warned that, although the law permits reasonable force to remove trespassers, the use of excess force could result in civil or criminal proceedings. They should consult a solicitor as soon as possible and, if there is a likelihood of disorder, inform police.

They may take reasonable steps to prevent entry by blocking fields, but must not obstruct rights of way.

If the names of likely trespassers are known, and if it can be proved that they intend trespass, an injunction can be sought at a county court or the High Court.

Once trespass has taken place, there is a special procedure to enable landowners to regain possession.

Although trespass is not a crime and is therefore subject to civil law proceedings, the police should be called in the event of criminal damage, threatening behaviour or assault by trespassers.

Under the Public Order Act 1986, the police have powers to direct trespassers to leave land and, if necessary, charge them with failing to comply.

These powers may, however, be used only when the senior police officer believes that the trespassers intend to occupy the land, for any period and that the owner has taken steps to asked them to leave.

The officer must also believe that they have caused damage, threatened or abused the landowner or his family, or have brought 12 or more vehicles on to the land.

Monk accused

Lay brother Michael Brims, aged 25, from the Carthusian monastery at Cowfold, Sussex, has been bailed to appear before Horsham magistrates on May 19 accused of stealing a lorry loaded with 7,000 bricks.

Private medicine

Plan to pay family doctors

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A scheme to pay family doctors for referring and treating private patients is to be considered by the British Medical Association.

The scheme is being drawn up by Nuffield Hospitals, the second largest group of private hospitals in this country, and will be put to the BMA's family doctors committee in the next few months.

The Nuffield Hospitals chief executive, Mr Oliver Rowell, said that GPs could be given a payment for each patient referred to one of the 32 Nuffield Hospitals or to any private hospital. In the longer term, doctors could also be paid for seeing patients once they had been discharged from private hospitals.

Mr Rowell said that payments could form part of the fixed-price packages of treatment which Nuffield Hospitals are now offering the health service. Initially the company would subsidise the payment to GPs so that there was no additional cost to the patient. But ideally the payment would be covered by private health insurance.

"Over the last 18 months I have been talking to a number of GPs, and there seems to be a groundswell of interest in getting more involved with the private sector," said Mr Rowell yesterday. "I began thinking about coaxing GPs by offering some financial reward for that involvement."

Mr Rowell said that the idea, which has been proposed by other private hospital companies such as AMI and Bupa in the past, had been put to Dr Michael Wilson, chairman of the BMA's family doctors committee, and Mr John Chawner, chairman of the BMA's private practice and professional committee, earlier this month.

After the meeting Mr Rowell agreed to draw up a paper for Dr Wilson's committee putting forward ways in which incentives could be given.

Yesterday the BMA said it was unlikely that the scheme would be accepted by general practitioners. "It could contravene NHS regulations which ban GPs from charging NHS patients for private work, and accepting referral payments for particular hospitals would go against BMA ethical guidelines."

Britain's largest private health insurance company, Bupa, said that it was unlikely that they would return to offering private insurance for primary health care. Bupa said: " We used to offer this insurance 15 years ago but found that the people taking out insurance were those at the highest risk.

"There was no control of payments as people referred themselves without any sifting process so we decided to drop the scheme in the 1970s."

26 minutes to buy a house

A solicitor who denies acting unlawfully by providing a conveyancing package yesterday claimed that he offered a fast and efficient alternative to the traditional way of buying a house.

Mr Ian Jefferson, who is accused by The Law Society of breaching The Solicitors' Act, said his company, Homexchange, aimed to make house purchase nearly as simple as car buying.

He said it had, on one occasion, managed to arrange the exchange of contracts in 26 minutes.

He was giving evidence on the second day of a hearing before The Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal in London.

Homexchange, which is based in west London, would buy the property from the "seller" and immediately sell it on to the the "buyer". The company was acting as an individual on its own behalf, as it was entitled to, Mr Jefferson said.

The hearing was adjounred until April 27 but the Tribunal is not expected to give its decision for several weeks after that.

Holiday bargains battle launched

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A leading travel agency yesterday predicted a rash of package holiday bargains as high season bookings begin, then swiftly announced its own 10 per cent-off deals.

Pickfords Travel, one of the three biggest retail travel chains, is to sell cut-price Rank holidays.

The first four-week promotion, including Wings packages abroad and Butlins trips in Britain, will be launched this weekend.

Both Rank and Pickfords are contributing to the cost of running the discount promotion.

This is the first full holiday *season in which retail agents* have been freed to make a wide variety of special offers although they have comparatively little room for manoeuvre because the commission they get from tour operators is usually only about 10 per cent.

The Rank promotion will mean a discount of £30 on a typical Wings holiday costing £300 in brochures.

Pickfords may bring in *further discount offers after talks* with number of other package holiday companies.

The appeal for the holiday companies is that Pickfords claims to have moved well ahead of other agents, with a computerized system which can post up special offers within minutes in its 293 retail agency outlets.

It can also carry out an instant comparison search for the customer, for late bargains among the key holiday companies.

Mr Neil Thompson, retail marketing director for Pickfords, said there would be many bargains for package holidays this summer.

He expects the majority to be hotel-based holidays in the three to four-star category.

So far just over a half of the 9 million holidaymakers expected to take package breaks this summer have booked, which is about 10 per cent fewerthan at the same time last year, according to Pickfords. More than a third of those still likely to book are believed to be waiting until the last practical moment, for *cheap deals.*

Funeral speech stuns parish

By Michael McCarthy

A village vicar in Wiltshire has drawn the wrath of the parish upon his head for pronouncing a funeral oration upon one of its number that was distinctly short on eulogy.

Canon Michael Dittmer, the vicar of Nettleton, near Chippenham, began his address from the pulpit at the funeral of Mr Frederick Clark, a local farmer, by saying how sad he was that Mr Clark had died from a sudden stroke at the age of 52.

However, mourners in the congregation of 200 people assert that he continued by describing Mr Clark as a very disagreeable man with little good in him, who would not be missed.

His words led to immediate complaints from Mr Clark's widow, Pauline, who was present with her four children, and from the dead man's friends and neighbours who felt that the vicar's description was quite unjustified, particularly as Mr Clark had lent two of his fields for fetes that raised thousands of pounds to replace the church bells.

Representations were made to the Bishop of Bristol, the Right Rev Barry Rogerson, with the suggestion that the vicar might like to consider his position. Yesterday Canon Dittmer, aged 69, had considered his position, and was doing penance.

"Any funeral has to be a compromise between praising the dead person and asking for forgiveness of their sins. You can't just say good things about a person", he said.

"But obviously I got the wrong emphasis in this case. I am sorry if I gave offence to the family. The last thing I wanted to do was upset them. I have conducted hundreds of funerals and nothing like this has ever happened before."

Dennis Marsh, a farmer and neighbour of the late Mr Clark, said: "Nothing was too much trouble for Fred. He was one of the most popular men in the area so when Canon Dittmer came out and described him as a disagreeable man we were all stunned."

Mr Jeremy Charmand, the chairman of Nettleton parish council, said: "Mr Clark was a parish councillor for four years and the general feeling is that he was not at all bad-tempered, and was in fact extremely popular".

Mrs Clark, aged 54, said: "I think my husband was liked by the majority of people. He was generally a happy soul, not a saint and not a sinner.

The vicar, a priest in the area for 35 years, has now issued a statement in the parish newsletter in which he says he is sorry he delivered the address "in such an insensitive manner as to give a distorted and erroneous picture" of Mr Clark. He is also sending an apology to everyone who was at the funeral.

The Bishop of Bristol said yesterday : "Canon Dittmer is very upset about all this. We agreed on the apology, and I won't be taking this any further."

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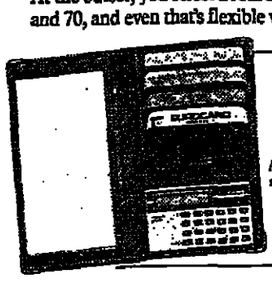
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Stress causing more lost lessons than strikes, union told

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Many teachers are being turned into nervous wrecks by stress, one of their unions was told yesterday.

Mrs Patricia Broster told the conference of the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association in Harrogate, Yorkshire, how 50 of her 72 colleagues at Broadgreen community comprehensive school, on Merseyside, took tests.

Twenty of them were found to have such high blood pressure and stress factors that the visiting health and fitness team refused to allow them to try the exercise bikes.

One teacher registered a staggering 290 on the stress scale: 19 others registered 200 or more.

The 500 delegates were told that stress caused by overwork, problem pupils, syllabus changes such as the new GCSE exam, and the threat of teacher appraisal is turning many teachers into nervous wrecks. This was causing more lessons to be lost through illness and inefficiency than strike action.

The 123,000-member association called for professional medical help for teachers under stress and for it to be recognised as a major factor in the proposed teacher appraisal schemes.

Miss Brenda Phipps, from Hertfordshire, said: "We have all seen colleagues gradually go under, persevering until the end of term, so exhausted that they cannot benefit from the school holidays. But stress is often interpreted as a sign of weakness."

Mr Alan Meredith, of Warwickshire, told how he found "a fine science teacher sitting in his prep room literally shaking from head to foot. He was a victim of stress. He has now taken early retirement and is playing the saxophone again."

Mrs Broster said: "Teachers are staying up until 2am to prepare for the GCSE and they just cannot sleep at all. Then they have to come in and teach. In my school the whole staff is falling apart."

Stress is not only a problem inside the classroom. One deputy head, said Mr Andrew Garner, from Suffolk, was "being forced out of her job by the loony left National Union of Teachers who are making her life intolerable".

He added: "In the new contract imposed by the education secretary I will have to work 24 hours a day. It is this that causes stress, not just discipline."

The association called yesterday for all those involved in teacher training, appointment and appraisal to be trained to recognize and alleviate undue stress.

The association also says injuries to teachers resulting from bad maintenance of school buildings, have more than trebled in the past eight years.

The union's defence committee, which handles insurance claims from members, in 1979 dealt with 13 claims relating to accidents caused by slippery floors, broken steps, uncleared snow and ice and repair problems. In 1985, the last year fully accounted for they dealt with 41 claims.

The union called for local education authorities to be forced by law to check schools, regularly for defects.

Mr Sid Matthews, from Belle Vue Boys Schools in Bradford, said that last term his school lost two days through industrial action and an entire week because children had to leave buildings which had become dangerous.

Low-cost vehicle for the Third World

Plywood car challenges Land-Rover in Africa

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

A former television documentary maker has developed a low-cost wooden vehicle called the Africar, which he claims can cope with the muddy tracks of Africa better than a Land-Rover or Jeep.

Mr Anthony Howarth describes the Africar, a project he has nurtured for more than 20 years, as a functional multi-purpose vehicle, much like a Ford Model T.

The body and chassis are made from £100 worth of plywood, treated to stave off termite attack and then glued together.

Mr Howarth spent three years doing market research in African countries before beginning design work in 1982.

He decided there was a need for such a vehicle because "the Land-Rover doesn't really work in Africa as it gets stuck on main roads and the Peugeot pick-up suffers from the same problem".

The Africar is wider than a Land-Rover so it can easily follow lorry wheel tracks, and it has a foot of ground clearance.

It has a superb ride thanks to advanced hydropneumatic suspension, borrowed from the Austin Ambassador saloon. He said the suspension was "extremely cheap and the only thing that would stand up to running on corrugated surfaces without destroying itself".



Mr Anthony Howarth, inventor of the Africar, shows off the vehicle in which he will make a 10,000-mile journey from the Arctic Circle to the Equator. The drive will be featured in a Channel 4 documentary (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

It would be natural for Africar to use an established engine and gearbox from a leading car maker, but instead the inventor took inspiration from a 1950s Commer TS3 truck engine and designed an "air-cooled, two stroke, through flow, twin camshaft engine with opposed pistons". The engine is easy to maintain and can use poor-quality fuel.

The Africar will be ready to go into production in late June or July. It has cost £2 million with what its inventor calls "a further £2 million in kind".

The rights to the Africar project are held by a non-profit making foundation because Mr Howarth was determined the vehicle should never become a "stock market football". He and co-founder Caroline Hicks will receive a royalty from each vehicle sold.

In Africa, a one-tonne Africar with four-wheel drive should cost less than £2,500, but the starting price in Britain will be closer to £5,000, rising to more than £15,000 for the biggest of the range.

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Mother's damages cancelled

An award of £20,867 made to a mother who became pregnant after a sterilization operation, was cancelled in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court cleared Haringey Health Authority, in north London, of negligence through the failure of staff at the North Middlesex Hospital in 1979 to warn Mrs Phyllis Gold that the operation might not succeed or to mention that her husband could have a vasectomy.

Mrs Gold, aged 39, formerly of Enfield, north London, and now of Larkfield Avenue, Harolds Cross, Dublin, was not in court to hear the decision.

Mrs Gold had the operation the day after giving birth to her third daughter. She later found she was pregnant with her fourth child, Darren, who was born in October, 1982.

Mr Justice Schiemann, in the High Court, London, awarded her damages for the pain and suffering of the unexpected pregnancy and confinement, the expense of bringing up Darren and her loss of earnings.

The judge found that no body of medical opinion existed in 1979 which would have failed to mention that there was a risk of failure of sterilization performed shortly after giving birth, or that vasectomy was an option.

But Lord Justice Lloyd, in the Court of Appeal, said there was no evidence to justify that finding.

The appeal judges refused Mrs Gold leave to appeal to the House of Lords, but her counsel said she would consider applying directly to the Law Lords for leave.

Mrs Gold and her husband, John, who were said to be "delighted" with their unplanned son, now four, have since had a fifth child, Alan, born in 1984. No damages were claimed in respect of him because by then Mrs Gold knew she was fertile.

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Girl, 16, strangled in woods

By Ian Smith

Police were last night hunting the killer of a school leaver whose naked body was found in woodland on the day she was to start her first job.

Michelle Anne Calvy, aged 16, had been sexually assaulted then strangled. Her body was discovered at Slipper Low Woods in the hills above Darwen, Lancashire, by a police constable making a routine visit to a gypsy site near by. No attempt had been made to hide the body.

Yesterday 50 detectives were searching for the girl's clothes. They believe Michelle was abducted after leaving the home of her aunt, Mrs Anne Bevan at Tenby Close, Blackburn, at 9pm on Sunday.

They do not know whether she was taken to the woods and then attacked, or assaulted and then dumped.

The girl, slim and freckled with brown hair in a pony tail, was due to start work as a grocer's assistant in Blackburn on Monday. She lived with her mother, Annette, and stepfather, Mr Christopher Dean, in Brookway, Blackburn.

When last seen she was wearing a pink and white coat, navy blue cardigan and white jeans.

Appeal court clears lawyer

A solicitor, convicted of forgery after a road accident victim complained he had been defrauded of part of his compensation, yesterday had the conviction quashed and his sentence set aside by the Court of Appeal.

John Benjamin Utting, aged 40, of Rectory Fields, Northolt, west London, had been given an 18-month jail sentence, 12 months of which was suspended. The appeal court said it would give its reasons later.

Engineers call for new nuclear rules

By Peter Davenport

Electrical engineers who work in the nuclear power industry yesterday called on Britain to take a leading role in drawing up new international safety guidelines in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.

At their annual conference, being held in York, delegates from the Electrical Power Engineers' Association said it was imperative that safety standards are now established that will be applied to both the design and operation of civil and military nuclear plants around the world.

Delegates were warned that the Government might be considering privatizing the nuclear power industry, and were told that although the programme had an outstanding safety record, it could not be regarded with complacency. Work to improve safety standards must be continued.

The delegates, representing 33,000 electrical engineers, many working in nuclear power stations, reaffirmed their support for a civil nuclear programme on a safe and socially acceptable basis.

Mr Norman Willis, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, who recently returned from a visit to the Chernobyl site with other union leaders, told the conference that the Government is preparing to privatize the electricity industry if it wins the next General Election. That, he said, would also mean the privatization of nuclear power.

It would mean that the responsibility for the safety and control of Britain's nuclear power stations would inevitably shift away from public servants and officials appointed by accountable politicians to those whose legal obligations were to act in the interest of shareholders.

Mr Willis also challenged the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, to say if the nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield in Cumbria, along with its owners British Nuclear Fuels and Nirex (the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive) were also intended for privatization.

He said: "This is not scaremongering, though I must say it scares the hell out of me".

The conference was told that the biggest problem facing the nuclear industry was the disposal of its radioactive waste products.

Technologically sound solutions exist that would solve the problem but the political decisions to enact them were not being taken.

WORLD SUMMARY

Hess writes letter seeking freedom

Berlin (AP) – Rudolf Hess, the former Hitler deputy, has written a letter to the leaders of the four Second World War Allied powers asking that he be released from Spandau prison in Berlin on humanitarian grounds, informed sources said yesterday. The sources said that Hess, the sole inmate of Spandau since 1966, asked to be released for his 93rd birthday on April 26 and to spend his last days with his family, especially his three grandchildren.

On Saturday the news magazine *Der Spiegel* said that Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, was considering the request. The Kremlin had previously been adamant that he should not be freed. Meanwhile, Mr Eugene Bird, a former US governor at Spandau, said that he too had written to Mr Gorbachov urging him to free Hess.

● PARIS – Klaus Barbie, the former SS officer whose trial on charges of crimes against humanity is to start in Lyons on May 11, has said that he does not want the proceedings to be filmed, arguing that it will be an individual man rather than Nazism on trial (Diana Geddes writes).

Senator in Kabul

Delhi – US Senator Gordon Humphrey arrived here yesterday after visiting Kabul, the first member of the US Congress to go to the Afghan capital since the 1979 Russian invasion (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Although he spent only 36 hours in the country and declined to meet any officials of the regime there, he also had a flying visit to Moscow beforehand.

He said Russian statements of their willingness to withdraw from Afghanistan were "so much propaganda". The Russian officials he met were "overconfident, cocky, self-deluded in my opinion", he said.

Obstacle in focus

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union and China resumed talks yesterday on normalizing relations, with the Chinese hoping for progress on Cambodia, one of the three obstacles it says lie in the way of better ties.

Chinese sources said that the two Deputy Foreign Ministers, Mr Qian Qichen and Mr Igor Rogachev, had opened the tenth round of talks after "some progress" in the previous rounds: "Now we are hoping for progress on the issue of Kampuchea".

Sino-Soviet talks on border river disputes have also resumed after a seven-year break as Moscow-Peking relations begin to thaw.

Curfew in Gaza town

Jerusalem – Widespread but relatively subdued disturbances spread throughout Israel's occupied territories yesterday in the wake of violent incidents over the past few days in which an Israeli woman was killed by a petrol bomb and a Palestinian student was shot by Israeli soldiers (Ian Murray writes). A curfew was imposed on the Gaza town of Rafah after troops were stoned while recovering the body.

Reported incidents in the West Bank yesterday included an army raid on an nursing college in al-Bireh, where several arrests were made, a general strike in Ramallah and the stoning of army patrols at Balata refugee camp, at Hebron, and at Bethlehem, where tyres were burned and the university closed for a week by the authorities.



Fugitive's surrender

Buenos Aires (AP) – Raul Guglieminett, left, a former presidential bodyguard and one of Argentina's most wanted fugitives, has surrendered to police in the city of Mercedes.

He is wanted in connection with the abduction, kidnap and torture of suspected left-wingers during the military regime which ruled from 1976-83.

Santiago truce over

Santiago – The Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, Chile's largest armed opposition group, occupied the office of Associated Press here and nine radio stations in four major cities to broadcast a formal end to a truce declared for the Pope's visit (Lake Sagaris writes).

One Front commando shot and killed a former police detective when he tried to stop them entering *Radio Tropical* in Santiago. The front had announced an official truce in honour of the Pope's visit, from April 1 to 6.

St Lucia polls plan

Castries, St Lucia (AFP) – The island's Governor-General, Sir Allen Lewis, opened St Lucia's Parliament – and then announced its immediate dissolution. He said new elections would be held as soon as possible.

St. Lucia, a Caribbean island with a population of just 130,000, re-elected the United Workers Party of the Prime Minister, Mr John Compton, with only a one-seat majority over the St. Lucia Labour Party.

Sir Allen said on Monday that such a situation would discourage investors.

EEC offers direct aid to hard-hit farmers

From Richard Owen, Brussels

In an attempt to overcome last-ditch resistance by the farming lobby to reform the common agricultural policy, the European Commission yesterday agreed for the first time to offer direct income aid to hard-pressed farmers affected by price and quota cuts.

The aid would be combined with national farming subsidies, a proposal which some see as threatening the very basis of the CAP.

Mr Frans Andriessen, the Agriculture Commissioner, said the EEC was also offering inducements to farmers older than 55 to retire early, provided their holdings were turned over to non-farming use or "restructured" so as not to add to the EEC food surpluses. The retirement scheme, originally envisaged as compulsory, would operate on a voluntary basis.

Mr Andriessen put the total cost of the subsidies at £1.7 billion, to come out of existing EEC farm spending. He acknowledged that some EEC states, notably West Germany, were already giving their farmers income aid, and said his action was intended to get a grip on the problem.

Officials said the move was a "sweetener" to EEC farm ministers. Under the scheme, the Commission would offer up to 70 per cent of agreed income aid to the most disadvantaged EEC farming regions, and 10 per cent to the better off rural areas.

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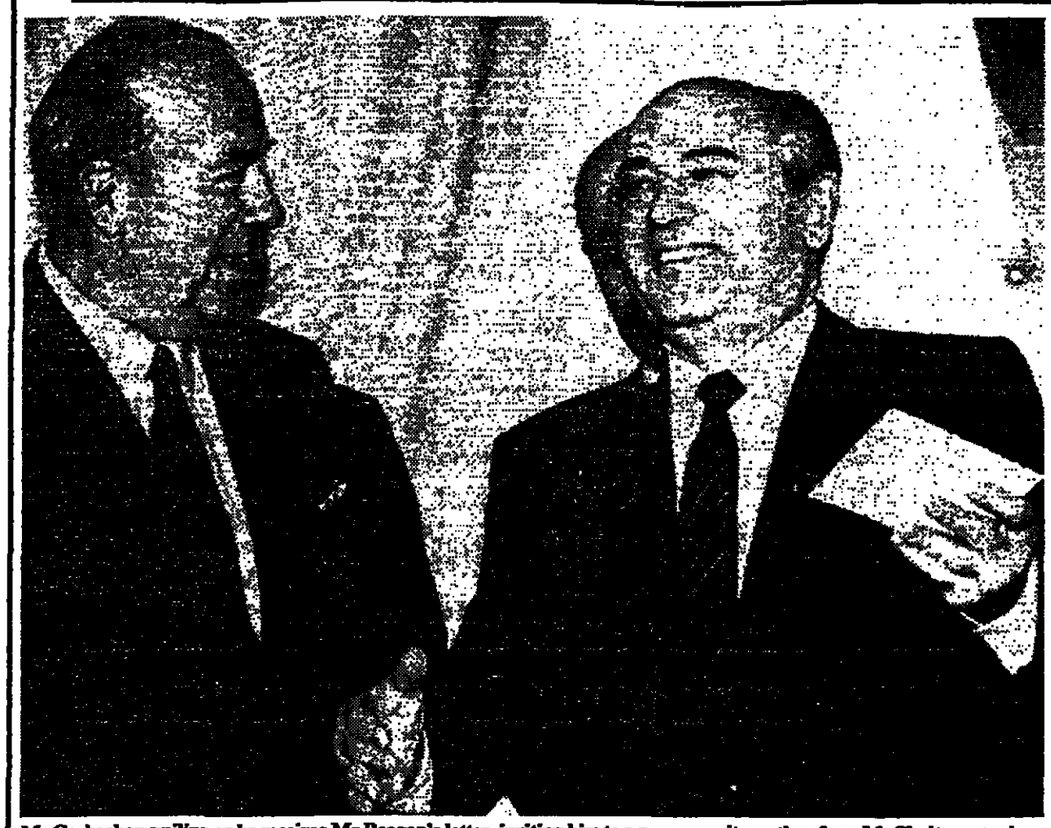
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Summit invitation to Soviet leader in wake of glasnost visits to east Europe



Mr Gorbachov smiling as he receives Mr Reagan's letter, inviting him to a new summit meeting, from Mr Shultz yesterday.

Pretoria calls envoys to task over criticism of detainee protests ban

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Diplomatic representatives of foreign governments have been summoned to a meeting in the South African Foreign Ministry in Pretoria later today to be chastised for criticizing the new ban on public campaigns against detention without trial.

The US Ambassador, Mr Edward Perkins, and other foreign diplomats attended a cathedral service in Cape Town on Monday to pray for the release of people held without trial.

Mr Perkins said on his way into the service that it was "sad that a government which claims to uphold the values of human dignity, and which portrays itself as so secure and strong, should be so intimidated by the peaceful protestations of its citizens that it declares those protestations to be illegal".

The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, said that foreign governments would be asked at today's meeting whether "they approve of necklace murders" – a reference to petrol-filled rubber tyres set alight after being placed round the bodies of "collaborators" in black townships.

Mr Botha said the US Government was well aware that the African National Congress "and its fellow travellers" wanted "to gain power through death and violence".

● **Four killed:** In a surge of unrest on the Witwatersrand, four people were reported killed in separate incidents, and thousands of black commuters arrived late for work yesterday after arsonists set fire to 10 trains in Soweto.

Two black men died in the Tsakane black township near Springs, on the East Rand, when "a mob of about 60 black radicals" set fire to their home, the Government's Bureau for Information said. It also said that a black man and woman were shot dead by members of the security forces

Triple death sentence

Bomber who hated whites

From Our Own Corrrespondent, Johannesburg

A mixed-race Coloured man, whose thwarted attempts to gain acceptance in white South African society filled him with a consuming hatred of whites, has been given a triple death sentence for what the judge called "a gross, callous and atrocious act".

Robert John McBride, aged 23, a pale-skinned Coloured with a semi-Afro hairstyle, stood impassively in the dock as the sentence was pronounced in the Natal Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg. As he was led away he shouted: "The struggle continues until Babylon falls."

On June 14 last year, McBride parked a car packed with 110 lb of explosives outside a popular hotel bar and restaurant on Durban beachfront. He pulled the safety pin from the detonating device and left.

The explosion killed three women – two whites and an Indian – and injured about 70 people, most of them whites, in one of South Africa's worst acts of urban terror. McBride had succeeded, in his own words, in "doing something major which could not be covered up by the state of emergency".

President Botha had declared the state of emergency two days before. McBride told the court that he saw the declaration as "a blatant declaration of war on the black population of the country" and that, as a member of the armed wing of the outlawed African National Congress, he had felt bound to respond in kind.

A defence witness, a clinical psychologist from the University of the Witwatersrand, said that McBride had grown up in Wentworth, a Coloured residential area near Durban noted for its violence, and a place where "very little value was placed on individual lives".

He said that McBride, like many Coloureds, had been unsure of his racial identity. His immediate family was



Robert McBride: unsure of his racial identity.

classified as Coloured, but his father's brother lived as a white in Johannesburg.

McBride had "pursued white aspirations" as a student at the University of Natal, but suffered "hurting, humiliating rebuffs". He had then "appropriated an African identity", and had determined to prove himself by doing "more than any African saboteur had achieved".

He told the court that his father had told him not to trust any white man because he had "never come across a white man who had done anything honest". However, he had decided "to try for white" by enrolling as a mechanical engineering student.

He had also joined a rugby club. "Many insults were directed at me, at first by opposing players, and later by my clubmates. When I made the A team, the player I replaced was consoled by another who said: 'Don't worry, he's only a bushie'."

In his pursuit of whiteness, he acquired a white girlfriend. "I chose a fair, blonde girl, but I did not make the grade," McBride said. He was jostled and insulted when he walked with her in town. His studies went badly, and he got into financial trouble and dropped out of university.

He then met Gordon Webster, another Coloured, who recruited him into the ANC. "I realized there was a sickness in the country. I wanted to destroy the sickness and became a black radical," he told the judge.

According to McBride's evidence, he had intended to leave his car bomb outside a shopping centre, which would have been empty at night. But a colleague persuaded him to bomb the hotel.

He said he had "felt bad" when he read about the explosion in the newspapers the next day. "I had gone beyond the confines of the ANC. Possibly the people who were killed were even sympathetic to our cause," he told the court.

Marine guards in Vienna sent home

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Five Marine guards at the US Embassy in Vienna have been sent home on suspicion of having had unreported "social contact" with East Europeans during earlier assignments, according to an embassy official.

The official was reported as having said that the five guards were taken back to the US on Sunday.

A Pentagon spokesman could not confirm the report early yesterday, saying that he was still checking.

The embassy official in Vienna was quoted as having said that the return of the five Marines was part of a continuing review of security procedures at many American missions after the "spy-sex" scandal at the US Embassy in Moscow.

The Vienna embassy has 22 Marine guards.

Fifteen Marines were reported to have arrived in Moscow by Monday to replace 28 others heading home to help with the Administration's investigation of the spy-sex scandal.

None of them, nor six Marine guards being brought back from the American consulate in Leningrad, are suspected of any wrongdoing.

Two Marines have been charged with espionage at the Moscow embassy, and a third is being held in the US on suspicion of espionage at the Leningrad consulate.

A fourth was charged recently only with having failed to report contacts with Soviet women in Moscow. Marines are forbidden to fraternize with Soviet-bloc women.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, said in a television interview yesterday that the Administration was looking at the training and selection process of Marine guards, and whether "we can assign more married Marines to these tasks".

● COPENHAGEN: Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, yesterday supported a US claim that the upgrading of an American radar base on Greenland is defensive and does not violate the anti-ballistic missile treaty (AP reports).

The left-wing opposition in Greenland, a semi-autonomous Danish territory, has charged that the improvements at the Thule radar base in the north-western part of the island are barred under the 1972 treaty.

Polish lessons for Gorbachov on economic reform

From Our Special Correspondent, Warsaw

Is Mr Mikhail Gorbachov listening? Poland, unlike Czechoslovakia, has been regarded widely as marching in *step with Moscow's liberalization*: economic reform that should free the entrepreneurial spirit, cautious political change and a more candid, self-critical approach are all hallmarks of Mr Gorbachov's rule embraced in Warsaw, though less welcome in Prague.

But Poland offers a more disturbing challenge to Mr Gorbachov than Czechoslovak intransigence. The country is in many ways ahead of the Soviet Union in its reform programme, and is gradually discovering that on the whole reform, however attractively conceived, is simply not working.

Conversations with workers, housewives, engineers and academics paint a picture not so much of political ferment but of private frustration and fatigue. Three fundamental problems are emerging from socialist reform, as experienced in Poland.

First, the reform envisages both the phasing out of state subsidies and the freedom of the factory manager to manage without governmental interference. These priorities are now in conflict. Removing subsidies means raising prices – and the latest across-the-board increases have hit particularly hard.

The political effect of price rises is to convert the trade union movement into a profoundly conservative force. Officially sponsored trade unions and the illegal Solidarity union are both in the same corner – resisting the erosion of the workers' standard of living.

The trouble just around the corner for Poland, and a little bit farther along the road for the Soviet Union, is that workers are automatically translating price rises into demands for higher wages. *Under the reform, managers* have the freedom to award higher wages, and are doing so to buy off discontent. The result is wage-fuelled inflation.

The second problem facing reforming socialist countries is that the basic infrastructure of society – the hospitals, schools, roads, water supply systems – are being neglected, subordinated to the hard-currency, export-orientated industries.

The final problem is the social divide created by market-style reforms. The pay scales – in zloties – show that miners and shipyard workers and other heavy-industry employees are top of the list, thanks to overtime and Saturday shifts. At the bottom are teachers, academics and those on fixed income.

But the real gap is between those who have dollars and those who do not. Those in the service industries – in the hotel trade, for example – with access to dollars are incomparably better off than the highest-paid worker, the coal miner.

Price rises have also forced up the black-market rate of the dollar, which is now approaching 1,000 zloties on the illegal exchange compared to 200 at the official rate. A philosophy lecturer earning 20,000 zloties a month is thus selling his labour for the equivalent of $20 (or £15). Not for the first time, the dollar is stronger in Poland than anywhere else in the world.

The hardship, anger and indignity that this is causing is difficult to underestimate. Mr Gorbachov would do well to study the mistakes of his neighbours.

Czechoslovak leader in call for democracy

From Richard Bassett, Prague

Less than two days after Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, left Prague, a forceful call for more democracy has been issued by Mr Lubomir Strougal, the Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia.

Addressing a rally late on Sunday night at the town of Most, Mr Strougal, who has often spoken of the need for reform, said that Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union had "similar problems and intentions".

Mr Strougal said: "If we do not make further progress in the democratization of our society and if we do not give a chance to those who wish this country well, we will make a fateful mistake."

He also called for "more frankness and sincerity from top to bottom" in his country. Everything possible must be done to assist such reforms.

His speech is widely interpreted here as putting on record the attitude of the more "progressive" elements in the Government following the Soviet leader's visit. His call for sincerity went further than the economic reform of which he has previously spoken.



Mr Strougal: presenting the "progressive" attitude.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the more powerful and conservative elements of the Prague Government, who include the Communist Party leader, Mr Gustav Husak, heed Mr Gorbachov's repeated calls for reform.



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From Charles Bremner, New York

Walk past any group of adult Americans this week, and you will hear fevered talk in an occult language, full of expressions like "W2" and "IRA". It is time for another of those national rituals – the annual income tax return.

Citizens of the United States, at home and abroad, have until midnight to file their forms and say a little prayer to be spared the horrors of that modern-day version of the Spanish Inquisition – the Internal Revenue audit.

While filling in tax forms involves a bit of head-scratching and perhaps a few hours with a calculator in Britain and other countries, the procedure for even the ordinary American wage-earner is of mind-boggling complexity.

This year the exercise has been scrambled by a new tax law, hailed by some as President Reagan's greatest achievement and by others as a grave threat to the fabric of American society.

In February, the Internal Revenue Service was forced to withdraw and redraft its new "super simple" pay-as-you-earn form, known here as the W4, because no one could understand it.

Among other things, the new law seeks to reduce the breathtaking range of tax-deductible items, while slightly lowering overall levels for middle-income payers. This is the field which, over the years, has elevated completion of the return to the *realm of high art accessible only to the* initiated.

More Americans than any other people entrust their tax returns to professionals, who know things like what you can deduct for working clothes or what kind of oil-drilling equipment business to enter to generate deductible losses. At this time of year, newspapers and television screens are filled with advertisements in which individuals, with the solicitous air of family doctors, promise to wrest big refunds for overpaid tax from Uncle Sam.

"Now, how much can I get back for you?" asks the boss of H & R Block, the Sears Roebuck of the tax business, after a series of shots of ecstatic taxpayers waving their refund cheques.

"You don't pay our fee till you get your refund cheque," this correspondent's own adviser said, after explaining the tax advantages of using a word processor in the living room rather than in the bedroom.

At the audit, inflicted at random and on those whose returns trigger alarms in the computer, the hapless citizen must prove everything that he has stated on his form, from contributions to charity and political organizations to losses in Bahamas-based tax shelters.

This is the last year you can still write off interest on loans to buy new cars or other goods, and the sales tax you paid on the purchase.

From 1987, for a luxury item to be deductible, you will have to live inside it for at least 14 days a year – the time needed for it to qualify as a second residence. This explains why the yacht business is suddenly booming.

The New York Times last weekend reminded its readers solemnly that the new law meant that this was the last year of the early summer windfalls. Many Americans have come to regard the repayment from the federal and state authorities as a kind of enforced savings that they then spend on holidays

The IRS has hired thousands of new inspectors to check on potential fraud, taking a much stricter view this year on what is deductible. For instance, a tax court has just upheld an IRS decision not to allow a Baltimore man to write off $97,000 (£60,000) as a loss incurred when he set fire to the clothes of his unfaithful wife, accidentally burning down his house.

Socialist Spain plans law to curb strikes as Easter chaos looms

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Socialist Spain is to introduce a law before the end of the year regulating strikes. The move comes as Spaniards and foreign holidaymakers face a second successive Easter wave of widespread industrial stoppages and unrest.

Workers in the public transport sector, including airlines, the national railways and crews on ferries connecting the Balearic Islands with the mainland, are due to stop work today for 24 hours.

Tour operators were again preparing to use, wherever possible, their own personnel to unload tourists' baggage at Spanish airports and to fly the holidaymakers in smaller aircraft equipped with their own stairways.

But staff at the Paradores network of state-run hotels, have called off their threatened strike after reaching a wage settlement on Monday night.

In Málaga and Granada, two key holiday regions of Andalusia, however, restaurant staffs are threatening to strike for 48 hours over Easter.

All are trying to breach the 5 per cent ceiling on wage increases which Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, has reaffirmed must be respected if his Government's fight against inflation is to succeed.

Señor Manuel Chaves, the Labour Minister and a former top official of the Socialist General Workers' Union recruited to the González Government in July, emphasized that the Bill on strikes would respect the country's democratic constitution laid down in 1978.

This declared that a subsequent law would lay down precise guarantees "to ensure the maintenance of services essential to the community" while recognizing the workers' right to strike in defence of their interests.

The Socialist Government, like its Centre Democrat predecessors, had been cautious about regulating the right to strike in view of vivid memories of the Franco era.

Señor González evidently believes now that the successive strikes this spring have put public opinion on the side of his embattled Government.

The communist trade unions have told Señor Chaves that they will oppose any Bill which is aimed at regulating strikes.

The absence of agreement over skeleton services on Renfe, the state railways, for today's strike led yesterday to the management decreeing which of the few mainline trains will run.

Meanwhile, about 100 EEC civil servants and their families yesterday ran into another front of Spain's current unrest.

Arriving in Santiago on a pilgrimage "to the Christian roots of Europe", they were met by several thousand Galician farmers protesting against the milk quotas Spain's membership of the Common Market has brought them.

Ankara's EEC application faces veto by Athens

From Richard Owen
Brussels

Turkey is almost certain to get the majority it needs later this month for its application for EEC membership to go forward for consideration by the EEC Commission.

But EEC officials warned yesterday that the application would eventually be vetoed by Greece and that West Germany and Britain want Ankara's present association agreement with the EEC reviewed before full membership is considered seriously.

While the first hurdle — reference to the Commission — requires only a majority vote, any decision on enlargement of the EEC must be unanimous. Officials say that all EEC states have doubts about the Turkish attempt, although some of them — Greece, Denmark, Spain and Portugal — are more doubtful than others.

Turkey is far from being a solidly based democracy, officials say, and Spain and Portugal — also fledgling democracies — have only just been absorbed. West Germany, which has the majority of the EEC's two million Turkish migrant workers, wants restrictions on the movement of Turks in Europe.

Under the 1964 Turkish association agreement with the EEC, Turkish workers were due to enjoy freedom of movement within Europe from December 1 last year, but the EEC told Ankara that this was a "committment" rather than a legal obligation.

Professor Ali Bozer, the Turkish Minister for European Affairs, yesterday handed Ankara's letter of application to Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister and president of the EEC Council of Ministers.

Mr Tindemans noted merely that the correct procedures would be observed "objectively". Professor Bozer also handed Turkey's letter to M Jacques Delors, President of the Commission, who received it without comment.



Professor Ali Bozer, right, Turkish Minister for European Affairs, making application for EEC membership watched by Mr Leo Tindemans, president of the Council of Ministers.

The advantage of Turkish membership would be a strengthening of Western security, as Turkey is already in Nato. But diplomats believe that this is outweighed by the disadvantage of Turkish economic and social backwardness — which would aggravate the EEC north-south divide — and by Turkey's unstable democracy and poor human rights record.

Diplomats also foresee further applications posing difficulties for the EEC, with Norway perhaps reconsidering its 1972 referendum decision against membership.

EEC foreign ministers next meet on April 27, and Turkey needs the support of only seven members to gain a majority for initial consideration of the application. Article 237 of the Treaty of Rome, which governs enlargement of the Community, says that any European state can apply to become a member of the EEC by addressing itself to the Council. But it adds that the Council must then agree unanimously, which it is most unlikely to do with regard to Turkey.

EEC officials say that it will take three to four years for the Commission to process the membership application before giving the Council its opinion as required under the Treaty.

TURKEY: KEY FACTS

Population: 51.5 million (mid-1986 estimate) whose religion is 99 per cent Muslim.
Area: 780,576 sq km (301,382 sq miles), bounded by Greece and Bulgaria to the north-west, the Soviet Union and Iran to the east and Iraq and Syria to the south.
Armed Forces: 630,000 men, including 552,000 conscripts.
Economy: (1986 figures) GNP at current prices estimated 39,000 billion Turkish liras. Per capita income $1,200 (£750). Inflation (wholesale prices) 34.7 per cent. Exports $7.46 billion, imports $11.1 billion dollars.
Main exports: Tobacco, cotton, nuts, citrus fruit, processed food, meat, minerals, iron and steel, cement, textiles, glass.
Main imports: Petrol, oil products, chemicals, machinery, rubber, plastics, electrical appliances, motor vehicles. West Germany was Turkey's largest trade partner in 1986 (exports $1.4 bn, imports $1.8 bn).
Civilian workforce: 18.5 million. Unemployment is officially 15.5 per cent, but allowing for considerably disguised unemployment the real figure is thought to be higher.
Alliances: Turkey was neutral in the Second World War until it joined the Allies early in 1945. It became a member of Nato in 1952 and is a member of the UN, the Islamic Conference and an EEC associate member.

Experts discount 'new Chernobyl'

Although West Germany, Sweden and Norway reported slightly increased levels of radioactivity from the direction of the Soviet Union in mid-March, Moscow yesterday denied any increase in radiation measurements (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Bonn said that it would ask the Kremlin for information on a possible new nuclear reactor accident, while some West German experts thought that the increased readings could have come from an underground nuclear weapons test.

In Berne Mr Hansreudi Voelkle, head of the radioactivity section of the Swiss Federal Office of Health, said: "We found traces of iodine, but they were at the lowest level of what is measurable."

Experts in Stockholm, acting to calm fears of another nuclear accident, pointed out that although an increase in radioactivity had been recorded in southern Sweden on March 13 the levels were limited and "gave little cause for concern".

In Norway a nuclear expert said that levels of the Iodine-131 isotope which drifted from the Soviet Union last month were so slight they may have emanated from a hospital using radiation treatment for cancer patients.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, said: "The system of radiometric control stations existing in the Soviet Union is functioning normally. Recently it has not registered any discharge of radioactive substances on Soviet territory. If there has been any such thing, therefore, its cause cannot be on Soviet territory."

Wary Greece awaits partners' reactions

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Still weary from its latest confrontation with Turkey over parts of the Aegean seabed, Greece reacted guardedly yesterday to the Turkish Government's application for full EEC membership.

Mr Yiannis Roubatis, the Greek Government spokesman, said Greece was "awaiting with great interest the reactions of its other European partners. The issue does not concern only Greece."

Athens is known to oppose Turkey's accession, at least until Ankara revises its policies in the Aegean and Cyprus, which it regards as expansionist and aggressive. But it clearly prefers to let other EEC members, known to consider the application premature, list objections first lest a negative Greek attitude jeopardize efforts to get Turkey to the International Court of Justice to settle the Aegean dispute.

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Assassins win leave to appeal

Delhi — The Indian Supreme Court yesterday stayed the execution of Mrs Gandhi's assassin and the two men convicted of conspiring with him (Michael Hamlyn writes).

It granted a special leave to appeal to Satwant Singh, the former police constable who emptied his sten-gun into the Indian Prime Minister on October 31 1984, and to Balbir Singh and Kehar Singh.

Counsel said that Satwant Singh had not agreed to a trial to be held inside Delhi's central jail and so his conviction was unconstitutional.

Drugs swoop

Taranto (AP) — A man died when he fell off a cliff as customs officers seized two tons of hashish worth £10 million. Twenty-one people were arrested in a shoot-out.

Visit ends

Mogadishu (Reuter) — Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, ended a two-day visit to Somalia and said an exchange of prisoners of war with Ethiopia would be a useful step towards peace.

Two to hang

Delhi (AFP) — Two brothers, Ashrafi and Babu Lal, have been sentenced to death for strangling two young nieces following a property dispute in Uttar Pradesh, India.

Student spy

Nairobi — Peter Momanyi, a second Kenyan former university student jailed for giving information to a Libyan diplomat, has been sentenced to 15 years.

Fake nuns

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Three Bolivian women disguised as nuns were arrested at Amsterdam airport as they tried to smuggle 37 lb of cocaine.

Fatal lure

Jakarta (AP) — At least 17 people were killed and eight were missing after floods swept a gold-panners' camp in remote central Indonesia.

Ugandans make way for battle

From Alastair Matheson
Nairobi

Uganda's ruling National Resistance Movement is reported to be evacuating civilians from much of northern Uganda in preparation for all-out war against the rebel forces holding out there. Districts affected by the evacuation include Kitgum, Gulu, Lira and Apach.

Travellers reaching Kenya say that lorry-loads of Ugandan civilians are moving south-east from Lira to Soroti and Mbale districts, which the authorities consider to be more secure.

It is believed that government troops want to create a battlefield free of non-combatants so they can wage a full-scale war to eliminate the rebel forces.

Expatriate Roman Catholic priests in Kenya say that mission stations in Acholi closed weeks ago as fighting intensified and the situation became intolerable.

Meanwhile the National Resistance Army of President Museveni of Uganda has been accused of killing innocent civilians deliberately in the north as well as torturing others in military detention.

The Uganda Human Rights Activists organization, in a report issued in Kampala, has called on President Museveni to stop such alleged abuses.

When the NRA has been criticized in the past, the President has insisted that any civilians killed had been hit by crossfire. He has also justified certain methods of tying up prisoners as having been used for years by other Ugandan armies and claiming that this was not torture.

Other reports from Uganda indicate that the coalition of political parties and anti-Obote elements making up the Government has been breaking up since the assassination of Dr Andrew Kayiira, leader of the Ugandan Freedom Movement. After the mysterious death of the leader of the Fedemo guerrilla group, there are fears for the safety of leaders of the main coalition group, the Democratic Party.

Cloth bag blamed for Soviet space hold-up

Moscow (Reuter) — A twisted cloth bag measuring 16 in square is reported to have caused the near-loss of the Soviet space research module Kvant and its cargo of scientific equipment.

Kvant, carrying a powerful ultraviolet telescope built in co-operation with Swiss scientists and an orbital observatory developed by Soviet and European astronomists, twice failed to dock last week with the manned Mir space station.

A third attempt succeeded on Sunday, when the two cosmonauts, Commander Yuri Romanenko and Commander Alexander Laveikin, stepped out of Mir to inspect Kvant's docking unit, which had failed by just a few inches to seal itself completely to Mir.

They found the bag wedged inside. Its origin remains a mystery, Radio Moscow and the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said yesterday.

As the cosmonauts worked to remove the bag they kept up a running dialogue with ground control, which wanted to know where it had come from. One cosmonaut suggested that it might have been part of the uniform of a traffic policeman who had been sitting on the spacecraft to make sure it was not speeding, the newspaper said.

"No, it's an extraterrestrial gift," the other joked. "From little green men."

More serious hypotheses were that it had become stuck in the hold when a cargo vessel docked with Mir to deliver supplies last month, or that it was a piece of "space debris" floating in orbit from a previous voyage.

Court says Marcinkus has no immunity and warrants are justified

From Roger Boyes, Rome

It seems that there will be no escape for Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the controversial Vatican banker who is being shielded from arrest by his friend, the Pope.

An appeal court, the so-called Freedom Tribunal, has ruled that the archbishop, wanted on fraud charges, does not enjoy immunity and that the *prima facia* evidence justifies the issuing of an arrest warrant.

The charges stem from the murky Calvi affair which rocked Italy five years ago. The Banco Ambrosiano, which had strong links with the Catholic Church, was found to be operating a string of dummy companies that were constantly lending to each other.

The bank collapsed and Signor Roberto Calvi, its chairman – a man with connections in the world of Freemasons, the Mafia and the political establishment – was found hanging beneath Blackfriars Bridge in London.

Did the Vatican play a criminal role in the shadowy banking operations?

Signor Guido Roda Bogetti, the president of the Freedom Tribunal and something of an expert on Signor Calvi, thinks that there is sufficient evidence to put Archbishop Marcinkus on trial.

The lawyers of the archbishop, who is still head of the IOR, the Vatican bank, and two other bank employees, Signor Luigi Mennini and Signor Pellegrino de Strobel, had appealed to the court about the legality or otherwise of the warrants.

The Italian authorities have begun extradition proceedings against the three who are safe behind the walls of the Vatican and magistrates are now threatening to try them *in absentia*.

Such a trial would prove an embarrassment to the Vatican and legal steps are being taken to head it off.

The Freedom Tribunal's ruling is a serious blow to the Pope who, on his recent South American tour, said that proceedings against the archbishop were "brutal".

The tribunal, created a few years ago, has no equivalent in British law. It is open to all who feel unjustly accused but does not have the force of a Supreme Court.

The court made two rulings which were published yesterday.

The first was that the Vatican could not take refuge behind the Lateran Treaties of 1929, which stipulated that Italy could not interfere with Vatican affairs.

The tribunal pointed out that "the accused cannot enjoy immunity and are subject to Italian jurisdiction because the crime has been committed on Italian State territory".

The second judgment was that Archbichop Marcinkus and his two colleagues really have a case to answer.

Vatican lawyers have been arguing that documents supplied to the authorities in 1984 and other information given to Italy essentially closed the case and that a payment to creditors of Banco Ambrosiano discharged any moral obligation. Not so, said the tribunal.

The evidence gathered by Milan magistrates indicated that IOR directors consciously camouflaged the activities of Banco Ambrosiano and that the IOR had a fundamental and continuous role in Signor Calvi's banking operations (including the more dubious ones).

It further said that attempts were made to obscure the role of Vatican bankers in the Ambrosiano collapse and that the Vatican effectively made it possible for Signor Calvi's bank to continue defrauding its clients.

The effect of the Freedom Tribunal's ruling will probably be to strengthen those in the Vatican bureaucracy who are urging that a compromise deal be struck with the Italian authorities.

The Vatican has still not exhausted all the legal possibilities of resisting the extradition of Archbishop Marcinkus but it may be tactically shrewder to reach an accommodation with the Italians now rather than risk an open, undefended trial of the Vatican bankers.

CIA protest trial nears end

Liberal left backing for Amy Carter

From Charles Bremner
New York

Lawyers are due to sum up their cases today in the trial of Miss Amy Carter – daughter of the former President Carter – who is charged with trespassing with a veteran 1960s activist and 13 fellow students in an anti-CIA demonstration.

The two-week trial in Northampton, Massachusetts, has drawn national attention because defence lawyers have sought to put the CIA on trial and have brought in prominent spokesmen of the old liberal left to back their case.

Miss Carter, aged 19, now a second-year student in Providence, Rhode Island, is charged with Abbie Hoffman, the radical, and the other students, with occupying a Massachusetts university building and obstructing buses on November 24.

Miss Carter gave emotional evidence in the courtroom yesterday, saying she took her action to protest against the "evil" of the CIA's activities worldwide. "Every time a person sacrifices themself for a larger injustice, something will change," she said.

Asked why she made the two-hour drive from Providence to join the protest, she said: "I decided to go there because the CIA is involved in misinforming the public."



Miss Amy Carter tells a Massachusetts court why she joined a protest against the CIA

Miss Carter, whose radical cause is espoused by a small minority among the predominantly conservative campuses of the 1980s, still strongly resembles the little girl often seen at her father's side during his 1977-81 administration.

She told a crowd of reporters outside the courthouse on Monday that she had just talked with her parents. "They told me they were proud of me. They said they were surprised we had accomplished this much and gotten this far."

Among expert witnesses called by the defence were Mr Daniel Ellsberg, the man who leaked the Pentagon papers in 1969, Mr Edgar Chamorro, a former leader of the Nicaraguan Contras, and Mr Ramsey Clark, the former Attorney General who acts now as one of the main voices of the anti-establishment left.

Mr Clark testified on Monday that when he served under President Johnson in the late 1960s, the CIA was involved in illegal activities. Mr Chamorro gave an account of alleged illegal conduct by the CIA in Nicaragua in recent years.

The defendants face up to six months in jail and fines of $500 (£308). The prosecution has asked the judge to exclude the evidence on the CIA, saying the offences were minor and the trial has been blown out of proportion.

Kabul set for war's fiercest campaign

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Fighting has started in Afghanistan in a spring campaign which some diplomats expect to be the fiercest in the eight-year war. Western diplomats suggested here yesterday that Mujahidin guerrillas inside the country at the start of the campaign number between 70,000 and 80,000.

Attributing this figure to a Soviet estimate, the diplomats said that they had "a source with good access to Soviet information". Estimates of the Russian presence range from the usually accepted 110,000 to as high as 150,000.

The source estimates the Afghan Government's troop strength at only 40,000 – half of whom would switch to the guerrilla side if the Russians withdrew.

The forces of the regime are evidently determined, therefore, to make the most of their numerical superiority before *diplomatic and political imperative* forces them to reduce Soviet numbers.

The fighting described by the diplomats has been for the most part in areas which straddle the Mujahidin lines of infiltration into the country from Pakistan and around the capital, Kabul.

Fighting has thus been heavy around the south-eastern towns of Khost and Gardez. In Kandahar, in the south, troops moved in from Herat, and other areas have not yet managed completely to cut Mujahidin lines of supply, the diplomats say.

Italian crisis fuels Communist hopes

From Our Own Correspondent, Rome

The Italian Communist Party, excluded from power since the war, is being brought in from the cold as a sign of frustration and fury engendered by the six-week old political crisis that has left the country without a government.

The secretary general of the Communist Party, Signor Alessandro Natta, yesterday held talks with the Socialist Party leader, Signor Bettino Craxi, to see if a coalition could be cobbled together.

The line-up would exclude the Christian Democrats, the country's largest party (the Communists are the second largest) and would be regarded as a "guarantee goverament", keeping the country ticking



Signor Natta: he may be the *winner in the long run.*

over until important referendums are held on nuclear power and judicial reform. The referendums are the only things that the Communists and Socialists can agree on and so even if a future coalition were agreed it would be short-lived.

The other smaller parties, have already declared that they are unwilling to take part in a centre-left coalition led by the Communists.

The Communists therefore are still a long way from forming a goverument, a prospect that was once said to have given Dr Henry Kissinger nightmares and certainly still sends shivers down conservative spines in most of Western Europe.

First, Signor Craxi has no great love of the Communists and does not want to see his Socialists (who command 11 per cent of the vote) sink their identity into a centre-left juggernaut. However a short flirtation with the Communists might concentrate the minds of the Christian Democrats and panic them into making concessions to Signor Craxi.

Second, the former Interior Minister and respected Christian Democrat, Signor Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, is still working out ways of putting together a centre-right coalition with Signor Craxi.

But the bringing in of Signor Natta, although it certainly will not end the present crisis, is a sign of the changing times. The Communist Party has already distanced itself from many Soviet foreign policy aims; it adheres to the constitution and on a regional level, Communists have shown themselves to be competent, non-ideological administrators.

By being excluded from power for so long they have not been so sullied by scandals. And although Signor Natta is viewed as rather a lacklustre figure, Signora Nilde Iotti, the Communist Speaker of Parliament, gained some popular sympathy when she too tried to find a way out of the current impasse.

It is sometimes said that the *difference between Soviet and* Italian politics is that in Moscow nothing is known but everything is understood, while the reverse is true for Rome.

Even senior Italian politicians who thrive on crisis now confess to bafflement. It is clear though that Signor Craxi is the winner in the short run. With both Christian Democrats and Communists courting him, he has become a pivotal figure *in Italian* politics.

In the long run, the winner may well turn out to be the Communist Party. Had elections been called as soon as Signor Craxi announced his first resignation as prime minister on March 3, then the Communist Party would probably have seen some of its 30 per cent support crumble away.

Aboriginal deaths in prison spark inquiry

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

A parliamentary inquiry into the appalling incidence of Aboriginal imprisonment has been appointed in the wake of what appears to be a wave of "copy cat" suicides by blacks in Queensland jails.

The inquiry by the standing committee on Aboriginal affairs will be the first attempt in more than a decade to ascertain why the level of Aboriginal imprisonment is 16 times higher than that of other Australians, and why it has increased by more than 60 per in two years.

A spokesman for Mr Clyde Holding, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, said yesterday that the inquiry did not preclude a royal commission into deaths in custody, for which some Aboriginal groups are calling.

An investigation has been on the cards for some time, but has been given impetus by the apparent suicides by hanging of six Aborigines in north Queensland jails in the past five months. All were being held in overnight lock-ups on Aboriginal reserves for drunkenness and minor offences.

The latest death, according to police, may have been connected with an Aboriginal belief that the area was host to a demon. But Aboriginal groups claim that the police are responsible.

In November the federal Government made a grant of $13,000 (£5,600) to an activist group to fund a legal submission on the case for a royal commission.

The present inquiry has a wider scope. Mr Holding's spokesman acknowledged that the Canberra Government was under pressure to come up with explanations and recommendations on how to reduce the number of Aborigines serving prison sentences, currently 6.4 per 1,000 adults compared with 0.4 per 1,000 non-Aborigines.

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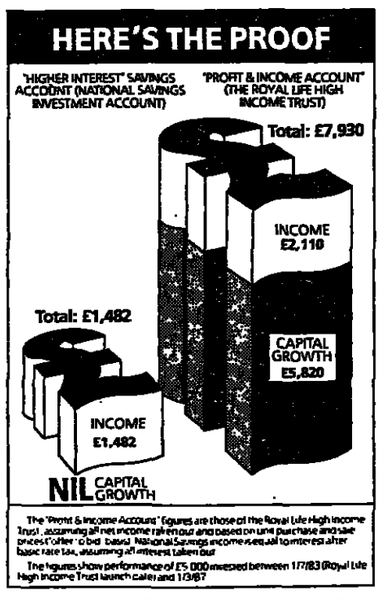
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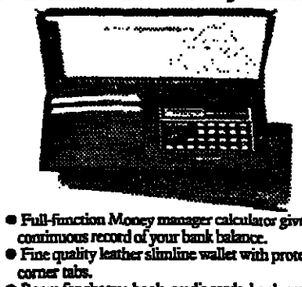
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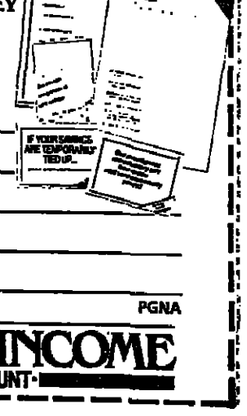
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Science and the shroud

Professor Edward Hall of Oxford University asked me to imagine a path about 130 yards wide made of sand stretching from the Earth to the Moon. "Our task," he explained, "is the equivalent of finding a grain of sand in that path which differs slightly from the other grains."

This is the measure of the problem which is being undertaken by seven laboratories in Europe and America some time in the coming months (and everyone concerned is being deliberately secretive about exactly when).

What they will be looking for are carbon-14 atoms amid all the other billions of particles of matter in a collection of small fragments of linen cloth which are being sent to them for analysis. Thus will the light of science shine on one of the world's great unsolved religious riddles.

For one of the scraps of linen in each of those packages will have been taken from the Holy Shroud of Turin, the five-yard length of cloth, bearing apparent bloodstains and the strange imprint of a human figure, which is reputed to be the material in which Christ was wrapped in his tomb. The other pieces in each package, added for the sake of scientific "control" purposes, will be linen from known sources, ancient and modern. There is likely to be a specimen of a shroud from Egypt of the pharaohs, twice as old as the Cruxifixion, a medieval fragment and a comparatively modern piece.

Five laboratories (in France, Switzerland, the United States and Britain) are equipped to put the pieces of cloth through the latest scientific carbon-14 dating process.



Persuaded that men like Professor Edward Hall (above) have the right technology, Rome has released the Turin Shroud for date testing. Pearson Phillips investigates

In addition, Harwell Research Establishment and an American laboratory are testing pieces by an older radio carbon dating process. The results, correlated by the British Museum Research Laboratory, will be sent to Rome. The Vatican will then announce (some time before Easter 1988) whether the shroud has been proved to originate from the time of the Cruxifixion.

And what will that prove? "If we get a medieval dating then we shall know it is a forgery and we can relax and forget the whole business," says Professor Hall, one of the British scientists involved. "Although there will still be a mystery about how anyone in medieval times could have produced such a complex and effective fraud."

It is the effect of the shroud on men of science like Hall which makes it such an interesting phenomenon. It has already been the subject of considerable scientific research. As recently as 1978 a team of 24 American scientists went to Turin to find out how the image appeared on the material. They proved that it was not the work of a forger using paint. But they failed to produce any single hypothesis to explain how it did get there.

"If it was simply an obvious forgery, no scientist would give it the time of day," says Hall, who lives in a house outside Oxford filled with his collection of old scientific instruments, grandfather clocks and Chinese pottery.

When doing his doctorate in physics at Oxford in 1953 under Lord Cherwell, he devised the idea for a laboratory which would put physics and chemistry at the disposal of archaeologists and art historians. The result was the Oxford University Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art, founded in 1954. "We arrived on the scene in the wake of the Piltdown Man scandal," he says. "I had evolved some techniques for dating and analysing substances to help archaeologists. The laboratory was, in a way, an excuse to play with my toys."

The latest "toy" sits in the basement of the nuclear physics lab in Oxford's Keble Road. It weighs 10 tons, cost about £1 million and can generate a charge of two million volts. It is this machine which has caused the Vatican to relax its former ban on carbon dating the shroud. Formerly, the process needed a piece of material the size of a pocket handkerchief to be effective. That would seriously deface the relic. With the Accelerator Mass Spectrometer sample no more than a quarter of an inch square can be used and the tests completed in a matter of hours.

How does it work? The principal of radio carbon dating has been known for more than 30 years. Cosmic rays entering the Earth's atmosphere create radioactive carbon-14 atoms which get absorbed by vegetation and trees and thus by materials with an organic base, like cotton and linen. Being radioactive, it decays at a known rate. By counting the remaining carbon-14 atoms, it should therefore be theoretically possible to gauge how long ago a piece of organic matter first absorbed its dose.

This has previously been a lengthy business. But the mass spectrometer uses massive voltage to accelerate matter down a tube at high speed. The various atomic particles, of differing weights, separate out so that it becomes possible to isolate and detect the carbon-14 from all the similar matter.

"Of course it isn't quite as straightforward as that," Professor Hall says. "Some years there has been more cosmic ray activity in the atmosphere than others. So instead of getting a nice straight graph line back through time, you get a wiggly line. We think we've managed to sort that out, by calibrating our findings with objects of a known date. Round about the first century the cosmic ray activity seems to have been pretty normal, so we should be able to give a fairly accurate finding if our results point to that period."

Hall was among those who first set out the theory for the machine. "But the credit for producing the first machines which actually made the theories work goes to laboratories in the US and Canada," he says. "We built ours in 1978 and since then it has conducted several thousand archaeological experiments."

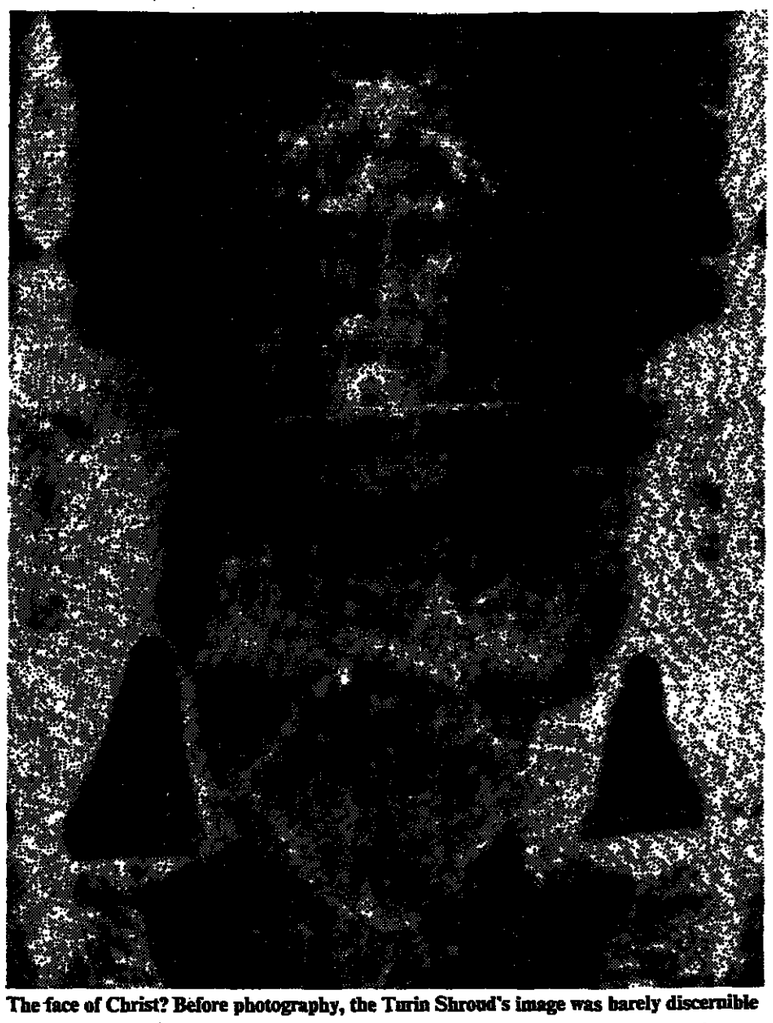
Dr Robert Hedges, who is in immediate charge of the machine in the lab, has found himself dealing with such items as the earliest piece of string ever found and bone fragments of Lindale Man, the skeleton found recently in an Irish bog. He and his colleagues have worked with single grains of corn, charcoal, and even sedimentary mud. They have also been able to date unpromising metal museum items, like spearheads, by working with a small trace of wood left in the hole where the wooden shaft originally fitted.

Hall himself will not know the results of his tests until they are announced by the Vatican. "We shan't have any way of knowing which piece of material is from the shroud," he explains.

As an agnostic, he does not himself believe in any supernatural explanation for the shroud's images. "My view of Christ as a historical individual is that he was obviously a powerful personality. I suppose it is possible that, in some way we do not currently fully understand, some kind of impression from him was transferred to the shroud.

"But if we produce a carbon date around the start of the first century AD, the fat will really be in the fire. As a scientist, I would then find it difficult to dismiss the shroud's authenticity."

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The face of Christ? Before photography, the Turin Shroud's image was barely discernible

A HISTORY OF MYSTERY

The Holy Shroud of Turin was last seen in public in 1978. For six weeks, 75,000 people a day came to Turin Cathedral to file past the five-yard length of fine herringbone weave.

Faintly visible was the shadowy form of the back and front of a human figure, plus some red marks said to be bloodstains. There were also the marks and waterstains from a fire which damaged the shroud in the 16th century.

The real importance of the faint human image was not properly revealed until 1898, when the first photograph was taken, and the markings emerged boldly as the portrait of a majestic, realistic figure on the negative plate. As the author Ian Wilson puts it in his recent book, *The Evidence of the Shroud*: "Somehow the shroud itself was a kind of photographic negative, which became positive when reversed by the camera."

That discovery made it difficult to understand how the shroud could be a fake. Its history is known from the time of a first reference in a document of 1389, when a bishop from Troyes in France protested to the Pope about a forged relic, "a certain cloth cunningly painted". But as tests by a scientific group in 1978 proved, the marks are certainly not the result of painting. They seem to have been made by some kind of chemical reaction in the cloth. What medieval forger could have achieved that, let alone produce a perfect image in negative? Tests also proved that the bloodstains were made by mammalian blood.

The problem for those claiming the shroud as a genuine relic of the Crucifixion has always been the lack of early references to it. Much scholarship has been devoted to filling in that gap. Several early images of Christ appear strikingly similar to the face on the shroud, suggesting that it could have been a known, common source.

Carbon dating will not solve the shroud's mysteries. But after 600 years the question of it being a medieval forgery may be finally answered.

'The hardest part was thinking up the joke in the first place'

In a Yorkshire town a museum has been built to honour that most British of institutions, the racy seaside postcard

For almost 60 years Arnold Taylor has raised more laughter than many of the better-known and much better-paid comedians on television and radio. Yet for the millions who have appreciated his humour he has remained a largely anonymous figure.

He is the creator of some of the best seaside comic postcards — saucy, highly coloured and loaded with double entendre — that have been sent with unfailing regularity to those back home by generations of British holidaymakers, determined to prove that they were really enjoying themselves, despite the weather and the landladies.

It was, says Taylor, now aged 76 and semi-retired, an art whose difficulty was widely unappreciated. It reflected the changing social and sexual mores of a nation; the joke that is perfectly acceptable today would have had the moral watchdogs of an earlier era up in arms.

As well as Taylor's self-censorship, each of his rough sketches for a new card had to be vetted by a watchdog committee in Blackpool. Disbanded only a few years ago, it comprised a vicar, a solicitor and members of the old Watch Committee. If they disapproved of a joke it didn't go into production. Over the years, however, only a handful fail the test.

"The cards reflected the changing values of society," he says. "The hardest part was thinking up the joke in the first place, and you had to have regard for the current trends of ethics and morality."



Postcard creator Arnold Taylor: reflecting the nation's sexual mores

Now his work — and that of his fellow artists who produced countless thousands of cards through the years — is being celebrated in Britain's newest museum. The Holmfirth Postcard Museum is set in the Pennine town previously best known as the location for the television series, *Last of the Summer Wine*, whose main characters, Compo, Clegg and Norah Batty could themselves have stepped straight off Mr Taylor's drawing-board.

For the past 117 years Holmfirth has been the home of Bamforths, the country's largest producer of comic cards, for whom the 16-year-old Taylor first began work as an artist. Their annual production runs into millions of cards, but the exact figure is a closely guarded trade secret.

The displays on the three floors of the museum, built at a cost of £250,000 next to the town's library, come from a collection of 30,000 Bamforths cards put together by Major Robert Scherer, former curator of the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia, who donated them in 1975 to the Kirklees Metropolitan Council. Until the new museum opened last month they were kept in archives in the Huddersfield public library.

The museum traces the history of the Bamforths postcard, from the early magic lantern slides to the popular hymn cards, to those commemorating disasters such as the sinking of the Titanic and those linked with the World War I.

It was, says Patsy Bailes, assistant curator in charge of the museum, the carnage and horror of that conflict which marked the end of sentimentality in postcards and the birth of humour. The museum features only part of the Scherer collection and also has examples of the work of perhaps the best-known postcard artist, Donald McGill, who died 25 years ago.

The museum has attracted more than 4,000 visitors, among them local people who, as youngsters, appeared in those early magic lantern slides.

Arnold Taylor is pleased by the recognition, but has some reservations. "It brings more people into Holmfirth — and it's already bulging at the seams with visitors," he says.

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A marriage of the arts

American architect Robert Venturi talks to Charles Knevitt about the thinking behind his new £30m wing for the National Gallery

Robert Venturi, the American architect better known in Britain for his theories on post-Modernism than his architecture, has successfully walked a tightrope with his scheme for the £30-million Sainsbury Wing extension to the National Gallery, on show to the public today.

His courageous design provides all the rooms the gallery requires and meets the trustees' brief — to design an extension relating "sympathetically to the present building, with an architectural distinction worthy of its site and an interior of the highest standard".

Criticism is more likely to come from the professional architectural critics than from the public, particularly over the underplayed entrance, the elevations to Trafalgar Square where the axes of the old and new buildings meet, and a huge glass roof that adds considerably to the height and bulk of the new building.

"My starting point was a love of Wilkins's original gallery," Venturi, aged 61, said yesterday. "But I wanted to design a building for our time. It is a very complex building, but I believe that the architecture should not dominate the art, but complement it."

The "frustration and challenge" of his first commission in Britain has been met by a "contexual" design, full of the ambiguity, richness of form and meaning that characterizes his building work, such as the Faculty Club for Pennsylvania State University.

The overt revivalism of his architecture identifies him as a heretic in Modernist eyes. His theories were first explained in his book, *Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture*, published in 1966, and seven years later in *Learning from Las Vegas*.

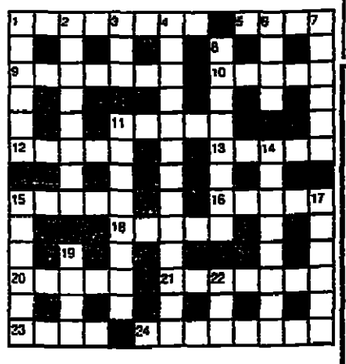
The galleries on the fifth storey, for example, are designed to suit the early Renaissance collection, including such masterpieces as Uccello's "Battle of San Romano", Piero della Francesca's "Baptism" and Jan van Eyck's "Arnolfini Marriage".

Seventeen rooms of varying size, not all rectangular but at the same time designed to suit the scale and character of the paintings, are top-lit by clerestory windows, providing both filtered natural and supplementary artificial light. "This is a Renaissance tradition of rooms lit by windows," Venturi explains.

A particularly engaging feature is that glimpses of distant galleries are apparent at the entrance, and the diminution of arches, exaggerated by the false perspective, allows paintings in different galleries to be seen together. "This gives a sense of the collection as a whole," the architect says.

We shall have to wait until 1991, or perhaps later, to gauge Venturi's success.

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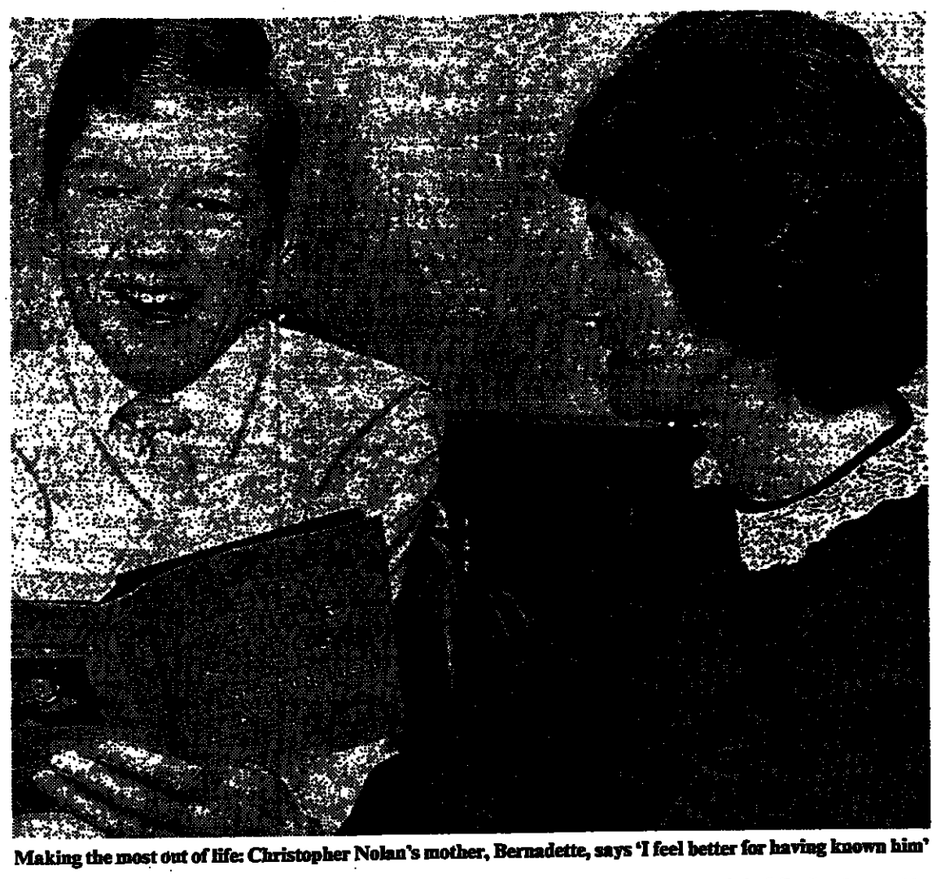
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A writer and a fighter

Christopher Nolan's prose has been compared with that of James Joyce. Now the autobiography of the man who can neither speak nor walk is about to be published.

Liz Gill met him



Making the most out of life: Christopher Nolan's mother, Bernadette, says 'I feel better for having known him'

When fate had done its damnedest with Christopher Nolan's body, twisting and spoiling it beyond repair, it gave him a consolation prize: a mind of extraordinary imaginative power. It was like hiding a diamond in the rubbish bin.

It took 11 years for it to be found, by a combination of love, luck and a lot of hard work. Now, at the age of 21, Nolan has written his autobiography; it is expected to confirm him as a writer in the great Irish literary tradition.

The book appears against all the odds. Every word had to be fought for with almost superhuman effort. Nolan, who nearly died of asphyxiation at birth, is spastic, unable to speak, swallow unaided or walk. He will never be able to sign his name in on the flyleaf of the book, or turn its pages.

Such is the cruel irony of his handicap that not only will his body refuse to do what he wants, it is likely to do the exact opposite. If he wants to open his mouth to receive food or communion, it will remain obstinately shut. If he wants his mouth closed for a photograph it lolls infuriatingly slack. As his mother, Bernadette, says: "With his body, he just can't win."

Bernadette, now 52, nearly died in the ordeal of his birth — he was a transverse baby delivered by emergency Caesarian — and it was three weeks before she could see her son. It was as if both had come back from the dead and been given a second chance. She knew he would never improve physically, but she was convinced that his intelligence was unimpaired.

"We were always determined to treat him as normal," she says. "We wanted him to have an education so that he would have things to think about, and life would be interesting for him when we weren't here. We never dreamed there was all this poetry inside him."

The family — Bernadette, Nolan's father, Joe, 53 and a psychiatric nurse, and his sister Yvonne, a 23-year-old sports journalist worked out a system of communication based on eye movements: up for yes, down for no. Such movements, together with slight nods and some foot-pedalling, combined to make quite an elaborate language. "If he looks at his shoulder for instance, that means S," says Bernadette. "And we start suggesting words beginning with S."

A great advance was made when a drug called Lioresal relaxed his neck muscles long enough for him to direct his head. With his mother supporting his chin to prevent his head falling forward, and a "unicorn stick" strapped to his forehead, he could tap out words on a typewriter.

It was the most intoxicating liberation, and the prose and poems tumbled out. Nolan describes it as a dam-burst, and *Dam-Burst of Dreams* became the title of his first anthology. The language was astonishing, mixing an enormous general vocabulary with Catholic theological terms, classical images, Celtic mythology, even specially invented words. The critics started drawing comparisons with Joyce.

But where had it all come from? It had come from being read to, from early teaching at the remedial centre, from radio, from television, from conversations in a land where talking is a national pastime. Some would say it was in the blood. His grandfather and uncle wrote poetry, and as he shaves his father can be heard reciting verse in the way that other men sing songs.

The new book, *Under the Eye of the Clock*, is more disciplined, and the result is a narrative of great dramatic and descriptive power. Nolan writes of himself in the third person throughout, as Joseph Meehan. Describing his birth, he writes: *About death there is no secret. Joseph Meehan knows that, after all he has been there and back. He dwelt among the gods for two fobbed hours but life clawed him back, copperfastened him and called him free . . . Better dead said the crones, better dead said history, better jump in at the deep end decided her strong soul as she heard his crestfallen cry. His mother it was who treated him as normal, tumbled to his intelligence, tumbled to his eye-signalled talk, tumbled to the hollyberries, green yet, but holding promise of burning in red given time, given home.*

The book is full of unforgettable scenes: the holiday where they bury him up to his neck in sand so that he'll know what it's like to stand up; the ceilidh where he is spun in a wheelchair dance; his mother gutting the Christmas turkey (a passage, says Professor John Carey of Oxford in the preface, that should find its way into future anthologies of English prose).

On the whole it is a joyous read. He seems to have drawn from a great fund of benevolence — not just from his family and friends, but from the enlightened regime at the Mount Temple school in Dublin (its clock tower gives the book its title), which included its first handicapped pupil in everything from school trips to school plays; from his first neighbours who would cart him along with their 11 children on adventures.

The book has its dark times, but they are almost invariably enlivened by humour. The Nolans had decided that laughter would play an important part in their handling of the handicap, and indeed their home in Clontarf, near Dublin, is full of it. Nolan, who often describes himself as a "gombeen" (a village idiot), says that humour is his "spice of life".

He wrote his autobiography in the year after he left Trinity College. Though his first year had gone well he decided not to go ahead with a degree. It would have taken him eight years and he thought that just too long.

His writing process is still agonizingly slow. He works from about 11 in the morning until six in the evening and may fill a foolscap sheet. As always his mother helps, cradling his head. Her job is back-breakingly hard — more, says Joe, than one person should have to bear.

Bernadette has little time for mothers of handicapped children who bemoan their own feelings. "They're always talking about how devastated they feel. They should think more about what *can* be done."

She continues: "I sometimes wonder if it would have been different if I'd gone to a hospital instead of a nursing home, but that's pointless speculation. I feel we are two ordinary people to whom something extraordinary happened.

"A lot of people are afraid of spastics. No one ever congratulated us when Christy was born — and yet look at the happiness he's brought us. Even as a child he rejoiced in your rejoicing, he lamented with you when you were sad. I feel better for having known him."

The fuss over Nolan's work — the Spastics Literary Prize, the ICA readings, the photograph by Snowdon — catapulted Bernadette into the limelight. She found herself addressing conferences on his behalf and the Women of the Year lunch on her own. An overheard remark by a friend — "I always knew Bernie would make something of that boy" — has turned into a family joke. "Because, you see, he has made something of us."

Nolan is now planning a work of fiction. What he really yearns for is some sort of independence from others in the writing process. He needs a system which bypasses his body altogether. Research is being done in this field — harnessing brain impulses to computers — but results could be decades away.

Years ago his mother asked him what would be the first thing he would do if he was suddenly cured and could move and speak as he wished. He would, he said, go and see the family next door — the one with 11 children. I ask him the same question. His eyes roll in the direction of the phone. Bernadette interprets. "I would go and call my best friend Paul."

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Under the Eye of the Clock *is published by Weidenfeld on April 23 at £8.95.*

The facts of life ever after

Today's parents can talk to their children about sex, so why are they embarrassed by questions of faith?

Parents know what they ought to be telling their growing children about the facts of life, but what does a modern, intelligent and open-minded parent tell children about God?

Children sometimes have pressing questions about basic belief, raised in their minds by television, school, religious holidays such as Easter, or by a death among friends or family.

Where religion is concerned, children tend to move in the opposite direction from the one towards which they are being pushed.

The Moonie phenomenon was a good illustration of the general principle. On learning that their beloved son or daughter had joined the sect, the typical respectable middle-class parent would react by launching a campaign of emotional pressure, even going to the extent of employing fringe "deprogrammers" to kidnap the child and "knock some sense into him". It quickly became apparent that such parental pressure was cementing the relationship between the child and the sect.

Should parents wish to see their children moving towards their own beliefs, therefore, they should hold back the instinctive paremal urge to impose their views. It is a truth too often demonstrated that religion imposed under emotional pressure can be emotionally damaging, sometimes for a whole lifetime.

The key to it is freedom, not anarchy. Children like definite answers, even if they are not obliged to agree with them. At the age of 10 a child thinks in very concrete terms. God either does exist, or He does not. And at 10, He will be a pretty solid sort of God, not some Universal Ground of Being of post-Enlightenment metaphysics. At 10, the freedom to believe or not is the freedom to believe in the only sort of God a child can make sense of. To mock such belief in the name of adult superior wisdom is to deny that freedom.

But there is also an opposite danger, of locking a child into a naive belief that cannot change gradually, but only collapse as it eventually collides with an experience of life that seems to contradict it. A parent whose own religious opinions are confused or uncertain will be no great help to an older child's search for a more adult framework of religious understanding.

Nowhere is the difficulty likely to be more acute than when a tragedy in the family faces a child with the question of life after death. A child will be likely to find the idea of personal extinction not just too painful to grasp, but also incomprehensible. "Granny has ceased to exist" is an abstract metaphysical proposition well over his head. His concrete world-view demands a "somewhere" that Granny has gone to, if not physically then at least in her Grannyness. Parents may think that in not contradicting that belief, they are merely consoling the child. But they are doing something more important:



they are allowing the child's world to continue to make sense.

A parent really attached to the principle of respecting a child's right to choose, therefore, ought to be aware that children's minds work differently. To them, Christianity is a narrative of events and people, not a set of abstract propositions; and there is no reason at all why parents, even themselves agnostic, should not help children to know and understand them.

The encouragement the child will need from the parent is not a worked-out statement of where the parent stands himself, but evidence of respect, that here is something important and worth attention. Those tempted to dismiss the subject should be warned: it could very well have the opposite effect to the one intended.

Clifford Longley

Just causes and impediments

FIRST PERSON

Jane Baker

I am one of those nauseating women who give divorce a good name. Deserted by my husband when my third child was six weeks old, I went through therapy and legal proceedings, grief and recovery and ended up with three lovely daughters, a home, reasonable maintenance, a strong appreciation of my friends and family and a new love. My house became a railway station full of other walking wounded to whom I would dispense advice on "how to get through it".

I was totally unprepared, therefore, for the shock when my ex-husband announced his engagement to a girl who had once been his secretary.

My daughters wanted to be bridesmaids, and — having pontificated loud and long on the importance of allowing the children to be involved in their father's life — I couldn't very well refuse.

Even more annoying was that the girl was obviously very nice. The children adored her. Her mother, on the telephone, seemed far kinder and more sensitive to my position than my ex-husband had ever been. Still, I told myself — and anyone else who would listen — that he always married nice girls, and prepared myself for the fitting of the bridesmaids' dresses.

I had been expecting the mother and the dressmaker, but the bride came too. I was devastated. Apart from seeming beautifully cool she looked so incredibly young. In my line of work (harassed stay-at-home mother) we don't come across many 22-year-olds. Even her mother looked younger than I did.

I had assumed that the church service would merely be a blessing but, due to the offices of a highly placed churchman and a retired regimental chaplain, my ex-husband was to have a full church wedding again.

I felt as though my own marriage had been negated and my children illegitimized, as though my face had been rubbed off the wedding photographs and someone else's drawn in. When I discovered he was having the same best man I was convinced he had gone too far.

The day finally dawned and I sent the children off to perform at church, while I tottered off to lunch with my family and friends. Afloat on a sea of champagne, I felt calm, happy, relaxed and absolutely certain that as the bridal pair emerged from the church a bolt from Heaven would strike the miserable offender.

But not so much as a cloud marred the sky, and the children behaved beautifully. They didn't even give the rendering of *My Old Man's a Dustman* they had rehearsed all week to entertain their father's friends. But my eldest daughter — who, at nine, is very wise, provided comfort.

"Never mind, Mummy," she said. "Next time Daddy gets married, her children can be the bridesmaids." I don't suppose God will have his bolts ready then, either, but after all this practice the best man's speech should be brilliant.

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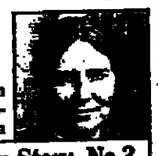


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Since the Russians entered Afghanistan in 1979, the Afghans have suffered "a situation approaching genocide". This is an exact quote from a United Nations report to the Commission for Human Rights. One third of the Afghan people have been killed or forced to flee their homeland. Their villages are destroyed, their homes bombed and the agricultural basis of their economy deliberately smashed. Thousands have been tortured.

This is a major disaster. Afghans now represent by far the largest refugee population in the world. More than 3 million of them are reduced to utmost poverty and starvation in 380 refugee camps along 1,000 miles of border, where the terrain is harsh and barren. They desperately need food, shelter and medical care. Many women and children are badly wounded. They need your help now.

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An Afghan Story. No 3.

Leila was cooking lunch for herself and her two little girls when the Russian planes came over, so high she did not hear them. But she heard the explosions of the bombs . . . when she came to herself her village was rubble, full of the corpses of her relatives and friends. She was lying in the ruins of her home. One little girl was dead and the seven year old badly hurt. She and the 57 survivors walked for three weeks over the high mountains to Pakistan. She carried her child all the way. They were bombed as they went. Now she lives in two small mud rooms in one of the 380 camps in Pakistan, with another widow and her three children: both husbands were killed fighting the Russians. The little girl Mina who was hurt in the bombing, is now twelve and can't walk. A nurse told Leila that if Mina could have an operation she would walk again. Mina sits propped against the mud wall and watches other children. Sometimes Leila says to her, "One day you will have the operation, if it is God's will". **Doris Lessing**

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& BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Teen pages

With not a page devoted to feminist tub-thumping or Mills & Boon romance, what could be called the first 'equalist' books for teenagers have been launched by the Women's Press. The first fiction titles in the Livewire imprint include Elaine Fairbrother's *French Letters* (£2.95), a female counterpart to Adrian Mole, and 24-year-old Sandra Chick's compelling *Push Me, Pull You* (£2.95), in which a 14-year-old girl survives the emotional trauma of sexual abuse.

Guide book

If you are contemplating going "back to school" — to acquire a degree, or a new skill — *Second Chances* is intended to help you steer a path through the educational maze. Published by the Careers and Occupational Information Centre, it contains data on training for adults, and advice on financial assistance. From COIC Sales Dept. VF, MSC, Moorfoot, Sheffield, £9.95 (plus £1.50 p&p).



Quote me

"I think the expectations of middle-class matrimony — that you get married in your 20s (though now it's probably the 30s) and you see each other every night, meet the same people, share the same friends — are absurd." Margaret Drabble.

Noble breed

Carat, a Beverly Hills car dealership, is offering 10 Mercedes 560 SLs specially customized for Hollywood wives. Priced at $96,000, "The Duchess" is pearly white, with leather trim and a suede dashboard cover. It comes with jewellery and make-up boxes, a handy compartment for perfume and sunglasses, and — the final hedonistic touch — a Hermès scalf.

Josephine Fairley

THE TIMES DIARY

Currie heart by-pass

Officials at the DHSS have robbed Edwina Currie, the ubiquitous junior health minister, of a starring role in the Look After Your Heart campaign – originally to have been launched by her today. The department has announced that the launch has been postponed for a week and that Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, will preside over it. *Officially the change is to* demonstrate the importance the government is giving both the campaign and the much-maligned Health Education Authority, which is overseeing it. Mrs Currie, whose brief includes preventive medicine, will still be claiming a slice of the launch publicity, by mounting an exercise bike for a sponsored calorie burn. It will not be the first time this year she has been left to play second fiddle: when the government eventually decided to promote a breast-cancer screening programme in February, Fowler made the official announcement. Mrs Currie, the minister responsible for women's health, was nowhere to be seen.

Lib-Lab pact

David Steel has confessed to borrowing a Labour slogan – Serving Our Community – and has retaliated by claiming that Labour has lifted great chunks of *Liberal local government* literature. In a letter to Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign director, who made the original complaint, Steel concedes that "you should have shared the credit" and then alleges that Labour has been ripping off material for years. He cites advice in a 1978 Liberal booklet on producing the Liberal community newsletter *Focus*: it "cannot be produced by a committee" or by one person; "what is needed is a team who have the energy, skills and authority to go away and get *on with it.*" And Labour's version, in 1983: "Newsletters cannot be *produced by a committee. What is* needed is a team of people who have the energy, skill, dedication and authority to go away and get on with the job."

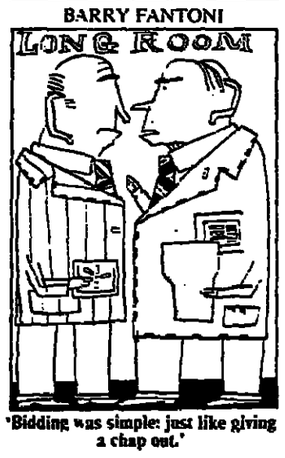
Tea tiff

The Lord Chamberlain's office has been successful in persuading the Advertising Standards Authority to rule against a local newspaper advertisement which asked: "What do Fergie and Samantha Fox have in common?" The answer, it said, is that both have shed pounds thanks to Bai Lin tea. *The Code of Advertising Practice* committee has already told the *company that any association of* the product with weight loss is *unacceptable because of lack of* proof. The Page Three model, Ms Fox, clearly does not mind promoting the product: her boyfriend runs the company. The Duchess of York, however, does. The official complaint was that the story was not true and the reference to the duchess was made without permission.

Fly past

The usually ultra-diplomatic Sir Geoffrey Howe has decided to ruffle a few feathers, or perhaps grass skirts, in the antipodean *climes of Fiji. He was to have* spent a day there later this month *en route from Wellington to* Washington, after a swing through Thailand, Australia and New Zealand. But although his plane will still be landing there, it will merely fill up with kerosene and carry on. The Foreign Office says it is nothing at all to do with the fact that a left-leaning coalition won *the election, but one can't help* thinking that Sir Geoffrey's natural sympathies would have been with Ratu Sir Kamises Mara, the outgoing leader. It is unusual for the Foreign Secretary to pass through a Commonwealth country without saying *hello.*

BARRY FANTONI



'Bidding was simple: just like giving a chap out.'

Even-footed

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Northern Ireland Office's education minister (and the first native Ulsterman on the team) took no chances yesterday when he turned the first sod for the new buildings of Lagan College, an integrated grammar school on the outskirts of Belfast. Aware of the old Ulster question, "What foot does he dig with?" – Catholic Gaels traditionally cutting peat with their left foot and the Protestant Ulster Scots with their right – Mawhinney made sure to cut two sods, one with either foot – and drew his audience's attention to the fact.

At last, a hope of change for our students

by Berwick Saul

Only the most hidebound academic is willing nowadays to defend the deplorably narrow, *specialized pattern of education* common in the sixth forms of England and Wales – *even though* it is largely the result of the rigid entrance requirements set by the universities.

Fortunately the time for radical change is at hand. There is a growing determination among many actively involved with university admission and university courses that something must *be done, and quickly. Kenneth* Baker, the Education Secretary, has raised the banner of wider access and a broader curriculum, and university vice-chancellors have welcomed his iniative.

Although Mr Baker is leading the way, this is not without creating some confusion. It is a pity that the introduction of the new A/S-level examination (equivalent to half an A-level) could not have been coordinated more closely with that of the GCSE. More worrying is the very restricted nature of the terms of reference of the committee studying *the future of the A-level.*

There is also an alarming hint that Mr Baker views the A-level in its present form as fundamental to *the future of British civilization.* One can only take comfort from *the belief that he gives no sign of* being a silly man and is hardly likely to have started off a movement for a broader curriculum with fanfares of publicity, only to chop it off at the crucial end-point.

In what are notoriously slow-moving bodies, nearly all university senates have welcomed the A/S examination – offering as a start to accept two A/S-levels as equivalent to one A. But more fundamental reform needs to *emerge. We should be looking for* an exam structure similar to the wholly admirable international baccalaureate. It should consist of six subject groups covering English, another language, the humanities, maths and a science. Sixth-formers would have to take three or four at higher level and the others at subsidiary level. Though a brilliant pupil might well cover *the whole range through a* combination of A and A/S-levels, it would be unreasonable to expect the average aspirant to university entrance to do so.

The problem will be to set the new A-level at such a standard that, together with A/S-levels, this breadth of study can be achieved without inhibiting the enthusiast for particular subjects from experiencing the excitement that study in depth can offer. Universities will have to revise their entrance requirements completely. But we can now look forward to *the day, not all that far off, when* the spectacle of students coming to university *after two years of* slaving away simply at English, history and French or maths, physics and chemistry will be a thing of the past, to be shrugged off as an unfortunate aberration.

Universities will have to change their courses too. It will not be possible to ask students to widen their pre-university education and then to start at the same point as *before in their degree work. Hon*ours courses at present are geared to the needs of potential research students, despite the fact that only a small proportion of graduates go on to do research. Research is *important to universities* – the one factor above all differentiating *them from other higher education* institutions – but it cannot be *allowed to dictate all aspects of* their activities.

We argue all the time that a university degree course is as *much an education of the mind as* a training in a discipline. Let us be sure that we mean what we say. Undergraduate courses must be directed more towards the needs of the graduates who will move into a wide range of jobs in industry, commerce, the professions and public service.

Broadening the sixth-form curriculum and adapting university courses is only a part of the process of widening access to *higher education, which will re*quire far more generous treatment *of a whole range of vocationally* oriented courses and qualifications. Professional bodies will have to adjust their requirements to the new patterns of study. Postgraduate students will have to be given time to complete their specialized training during taught master's courses or in the early *part of their PhD work.*

In any case there is no choice. If *we are to find even the extra* 50,000 students (the current target) we will most certainly have to help them over the initial hurdle of entrance. Then it will be up to us in the universities to educate them wisely and well.

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Richard Plender says the Heysel case could help to simplify the rules

The maze of extradition law



Cries of dismay have greeted the Divisional Court judgment this week in the Heysel stadium case concerning 26 Liverpool football supporters accused over their role in the riot in 1985 in which 39 people died. The judgment relieved them of the immediate threat of extradition to Belgium to stand trial for manslaughter.

With four Queen's Counsel and 16 junior counsel appearing in court, together with several leading firms of solicitors, very considerable costs have been incurred. Lord Justice Watkins himself said that the court had been "driven to a regrettable course of action" because the relevant rules had not been satisfied.

The "relevant rule" in this case was found in article 5 of the extradition treaty with Belgium. This provides that the accused shall be freed "if within two months, counting from the day of arrest, sufficient evidence for the extradition shall not have been presented". That article is well known. Similar provisions are found in many other extradition treaties. It was certainly not overlooked by those acting for the Belgian government. The difficulty arose from the words "sufficient evidence".

Within the two-month period *the magistrate was presented with* two sets of evidence. There was Belgian evidence, consisting essentially of video recordings and photographs; and English evidence, consisting of the same plus contemporaneous interviews. But the English evidence was not necessarily admissible. The Belgian evidence, standing alone, was not "sufficient".

It is not surprising that some MPs describe the result as technical. In one sense they are right; for the grant of habeas corpus in a case like this is not similar to the quashing of a conviction. Where a conviction is quashed as a result of an error of law, the accused generally goes free. He is not liable to be put on trial again. He is *protected by the rule against* double jeopardy.

This is not the case with the quashing of a magistrates' order in extradition proceedings. If they decide not to seek leave to appeal, *those acting on behalf of the* Belgian authorities can begin afresh. Criticism of the court, however, is misguided. The court is bound to ensure that an individual is not deprived of his liberty for a day longer than the law permits, even (or especially) when accused of notorious offences. Moreover, the two-month rule is not a mere technicality. It is *the result of careful negotiation* between the states concerned. In a case before the House of Lords in 1975 Lord Diplock had cause to refer to the rule as a vital safeguard for those who stand accused by foreign states.

Nevertheless, it must be said that our law of extradition is complex. We have three distinct systems. The Extradition Acts 1870-1935 govern extradition to foreign states. The Fugitive Offenders Act 1967 controls the return of fugitives to Commonwealth countries and British dependencies. Separate legislation applies between this country and the Republic of Ireland.

Under the Extradition Acts, the proceedings have to be begun in accordance with a treaty between this country and the foreign state. Each treaty imposes certain *restrictions on the surrender of the* fugitive – as in the case of the time *limits set in the Heysel stadium* case. Some extradition treaties provide that the two states will not surrender their own nationals to each other. Assuming that the restrictions in the treaty are satisfied, the requesting state must ensure that the person concerned is amenable to extradition (for *example, he must not be entitled* to diplomatic immunity) and that the offence is an extradition crime, listed in the relevant treaty. It must not be a political offence.

There are also procedural safeguards. The requesting state sends a demand for extradition to the Home Secretary. He transmits it to a magistrate, with the evidence. If the magistrate judges the evidence sufficient, he issues a provisional warrant. The accused is then arrested and brought before the court. The magistrate can consider both English and foreign evidence; but his task is to judge whether there is prima-facie proof of guilt according to English rules. Only if that test is satisfied may *the accused be committed.*

The magistrate's ruling may be challenged by habeas corpus in the Divisional Court. Leave may be given to appeal to the House of Lords, even in the absence of a certified point of law of general public importance.

In many cases – perhaps in most – this panoply of restrictions *serves a useful purpose. It is right* that the law should descend to *some detail when it provides for* the surrender of an individual to a foreign state, to stand trial under a legal system that may be very different from our own. This argument applies with particular force where the social standards of the requesting state are remote from our own. Where, on the other hand, *the request emanates* from an immediate neighbour, whose legal values are akin to ours, the present arrangements are excessively complicated.

It is for this reason that Part IX of the government's Criminal Justice Bill is to be welcomed. This is intended to modernize the Extradition Acts and the Fugitive Offenders Act. It should enable the United Kingdom to ratify the European Convention on Extradition. Under that bill, the magistrate will be relieved of the task of assessing whether there is a *prima-facie case against the ac*cused, wherever there is in force *an agreement to this effect be*tween this country and the requesting state.

Presumably such agreements will be concluded with our neighbours within the Council of Europe, whose own legal systems afford acceptable guarantees to the accused, not least in the light of the European convention.

In these cases, it will still be necessary to show that the restrictions in the extradition treaty have been satisfied; and that the accused is amenable to extradition; and that he is accused or convicted of an extradition crime. So it will *not be a case of extradition on* demand.

The indignation aroused by the Heysel stadium case will be turned to good effect if it is translated into support for this part of the bill.

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How many Tories are ready for PR?

The day after next month's local government elections a simple-looking questionnaire will be sent out by Conservative Action for Electoral Reform (CAER) to all the party's backbench MPs and parliamentary candidates. But in *spite of its innocuous nature, the* responses could help determine the shape of the next government.

The 550 recipients will be asked to signify their attitude to proportional representation on a sliding scale ranging from 1 (very much in favour) to 5 (implacably opposed). Those who indicate they are anywhere between neutral and enthusiastic will be quizzed on their preferred system of PR.

Far more intriguingly, the MPs and aspirants to Westminster will be asked to give details of how they can be contacted in the days immediately after the general *election should no party gain an* overall majority, when the issue of PR, and the willingness of Mrs Thatcher to accept some changes *to Britain's voting system, could* decide whether a post-election deal between the Conservatives and the Alliance was possible.

In the event of such negotiations and pacts Mrs Thatcher would undoubtedly turn for much-needed constitutional advice to Lord Blake, a confidant and friend. By a happy coincidence he is a consistent advocate of PR and is president-elect of CAER.

Rodney Gent, a former Greater

chairman of CAER, says: "In the days after a general election in which there was no overall victor, *events would happen very quick*ly. With the result of our survey or 're-survey' we could say to Lord Blake that *x* number of Conservative MPs are in favour of PR or are prepared to put up with it – and he could pass that on directly to the prime minister."

While Mrs Thatcher, along with Norman Tebbit, remains emphatically opposed to changing the first-past-the-post system, a growing number of Conservative MPs believe she would find it difficult to hold out if it meant the difference between staying in power with the support of the Alliance or handing over to a left-of-centre coalition.

And David Steel has said he would find it almost impossible to work with a Thatcher-led government . . . unless she could offer the prize of electoral reform.

The need for Mrs Thatcher to yield over PR should she be involved in coalition talks with the Alliance was reinforced by David Owen at the weekend. While the Liberals and SDP have over exactly what they would seek, Owen said "immediate demands" would include the introduction of *PR for elections to the European* Parliament, local authorities and devolved assemblies in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

*They were, he willingly admit*ted, the "easy" ones. "The hardest one is going to be the Westminster parliament," he said. An ideal solution, he suggested, would be a referendum carried out when the necessary legislation was on the statute book "so people would know what they're voting for".

He added: "We want progress on this one, and we do consider it to be a crucial and vital issue. Now obviously a bit depends on what is the shape of the parliament, and what is the natural view of MPs. There is a substantial and an important section of the Conservative Party that is in favour of proportional representation."

Given Mrs Thatcher's abhorrence of changing the electoral system, cabinet ministers tend to keep their heads down. Only Douglas Hurd and Peter Walker have been brave enough openly to declare themselves in favour of electoral reform have never been a secret," Hurd said recently, "but they are of course personal, and not shared by the government as a whole or by a majority in the House of Commons."

Other cabinet members believed to support electoral change, albeit privately, are Kenneth Clarke, Kenneth Baker, George Younger and Malcolm Rifkind. In the junior ministerial ranks Lynda Chalker is an open advocate.

According to Robin Squire, Conservative MP for Hornchurch, 40 Conservative MPs and 60 peers are now paid-up members of CAER. "On top of that 100 there are a considerable number – I would judge about the same again – who are supporters of PR. They have actually voted for it on one occasion or more."

But as Mr Squire, a past *chairman of CAER, readily ad*mits, for every MP enthusiastically in favour, there is one who is hostile. According to a past survey of Conservative MPs, both camps are outnumbered by backbenchers who are neutral.

But that neutrality could change overnight if PR suddenly became the issue that prevented the Conservatives from disappearing into opposition. Given those circumstances, CAER, with a little help from Lord Blake, intends not only to find out the views of the Conservative intake, but to make sure Mrs Thatcher knows as well.

Digby Anderson

Just a nice touch of marxist dash

Why are people, *intelligent* people, so negative, so fault-finding? Take the "exciting" proposed *merger of* Tass, the white-collar branch of *the engineering union, and the* Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, described by Clive Jenkins, the latter's general secretary, as "the biggest merger the world has ever seen in trade-union terms". The new union would have "a style and dash about it, and is going to make others look a bit dowdy".

In the ASTMS journal *Finance World* in January, Mr Jenkins and Ken Gill, the general secretary of *Tass, proposed that* Tass's 260,483 members and ASTMS's 390,000 *be managed by a joint* executive committee consisting of "equal numbers of voting members from each union". After the proposal has been to both union conferences in April/May for "acceptance or rejection", a ballot vote of all members will take place "as soon as possible". The new union would have more strength and influence in the TUC, the *financial sector and the NHS.*

There you are: excitement, novelty and dash. And what, I asked my contacts, were their reactions? Weren't they excited? The first referred me to a speech by Dr David Owen, a chap normally guaranteed to be constructive and mould-breaking. He was against it! Made insinuations about Tass being dominated by Communists and others with virtually indistinguishable views, and its general secretary being to the left of the Communist Party. "Politics, not the members' needs, is the driving force behind the Tass advances."

How petty! Had Dr Owen read *Finance World*, he would have known that Ken Gill is a man of competence and humour who, when he became a union official, accepted a virtual halving of his salary, has a say on many union committees, and is a member of *the Commission for Racial Equal*ity. Moreover, "Ken often pens brilliant caricatures of his fellow TUC Council members on the backs of agendas and conference papers". Even Alliance politicians now seem infected by negativism.

So I went to a researcher. Was he excited? He read from a file: Gill, Ken, until recently senior member of the Communist Party, expelled for supporting the "Stalinist" *Morning Star* faction, member of the advisory board of the "Stalinist" *Artery*, sponsor of the Britain-Vietnam Association. On election to chairmanship of TUC, said he would "put the views of a Communist, a left Socialist". Wrote in the Prague-based *World Marxist Review*: "*Communists exercise a consid*erable influence within the [trade-union] *movement, an influence* far greater than the size of the party would indicate . . . Communists . . . are constantly battling to break the hold of class-collaborationist ideas and practices."

I interrupted the researcher. Had he not seen the photo of Mr Gill in *Finance World*, the one with him smiling at the end of a *modern, exciting telephone, and* anyway, what did the politics of one man matter, even if he was the general secretary?

Out came another file marked Tass, and more unconstructive details: Tass's president of 1984, Guy Dobbie, was a Communist Party member; Tass's former president, Brian Price, was British secretary of a "peace" committee closely associated with the (Communist) World Peace Council, and *is head of the Western Education* Department of the international Communist front, the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU); Tass's national organizer, Chris Darke, was secretary of the Communist Party's *national space advisory com*mittee (1984); Tom Sibley, head of Tass's research department, was assistant national industrial or*ganizer of the Communist Party* (1982) and WFTU representative *in the UK; Barbara Switzer,* deputy general secretary of Tass, was a member of the *Morning Star* management committee (1985) and described in *The Guardian* as a "hardliner" whose "politics are little different" from those of Gill, "a leading hardliner in the Communist Party".

Then he pulled out a black-edged file of tributes to a Communist Party member, Catherine Scorer, a legal officer employed by Tass, from "her fellow Communists in Tass" and Mr Gill, *praising her as a "committed* Communist lawyer" who understood *the nature of struggle in a* class-divided society". Last, a bulkier folder listing the 60 Tass organizers, secretaries, committee members and others who, during the recent Communist dispute, supported the Stalinist *Morning Star* faction.

I was stunned. Here was an otherwise reasonable fellow who, confronted with the biggest union merger ever, promising exciting prospects, new style and dash, responded with pettifogging facts about the political beliefs of some parties to the match. What if Tass has a few Communists – well, all right, proportionately, bearing in mind their national shortage, a lot? Might they not be reasonable chaps? After all, Edwina Currie was happy to give them credibility by giving an interview to a Communist Party monthly.

But he'd already started reading *depressing* details about Communist policies and practices which made them seem fundamentally anti-democratic. I feel sorry for him and politicians like Owen who take Communists seriously and bore us by warning about them. That sort of thing is all very well in America but we British, at least we intellectuals, don't go for it. About ordinary folk, ASTMS members for example, I'm less sure, but I trust they will ignore it and go for the important things of life – like dash.

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Paul Jennings

The high life is down here

You often read in profiles of chaps who have made it to the editorial chair or TV boss job or – supreme pinnacle – own chat-show, how they started on a provincial paper: and it always seems taken for granted that they moved not only from poor to rich, bedsit to posh manor *in Hampstead* or out Sevenoaks way, but also from *boring copy – weddings, funerals,* cattle sales, etc – to the fascinating highlife of statesmen and stars.

Surely, as far as subject matter is concerned, it's the other way round. One summit conference, fire, Test match, showbiz interview, *riot, murder/adultery case,* political speech, report, golf Open, *is much the same as another.* Boring. Predictable.

The only papers I know that get the mixture right (and that I can read, roughly) seem to be in the south of France: the *Dauphiné*, or *Nice-Matin*. There you are quite likely to find a think-piece on world prospects for copper, or the thought of *Lévi-Strauss on* fifth-generation computers. But *Nice-Matin, for instance,* always has a story on the back page, headed *Insolite*, roughly Unusual. I still have two from my last holiday. One tells how "a Buddhist priest" solemnly chanted prayers for the "soul" (their quotes) of thousands of used bras.

He knelt before *une pyramide de 200,000 soutiens-gorge empilés dans le temple Zojoji* in central Tokyo. It was, declared Brian Martin, director of the German manufacturer Triumph International, a ceremony to express our gratitude to bras, which are one of the most important articles for women. The 200,000 were collected in a two-month campaign celebrating the hundredth anniversary of Triumph. In exchange for their old bras, the ladies each received a pair of slacks *dernier-cri.*

The other tells – but no. I cannot duplicate the curious unsqueamish delicacy of the French – how Maitre Souchal, ancient staff-bearer of the lawyers of Nancy, defending a client said to have been the author of a blow of knee the most unfortunate in the sensible parts of an agricultural worker of the region, resulting in his *faiblesse sexuelle,* claim recognized by experts, the test "experience of the goose feather" (again, their quotes).

The local papers (two, though it seems like six) that come, free, through our letterbox every week in an allegedly remote part of Suffolk may not rival this, or have *any* think-pieces either. But among the ads for Tyres and Exhausts, Huge Carpet Discounts, Brides on a Budget, WI meetings, *Bingo, Patio Lounges*, and of course Cars Cars Cars, they do hint at a multitudinously varied life of which nationals, concerned with Larger Issues, know nothing.

Here are people seeking, experimenting, living. An ad says: "Presentable chap, decent company, discreet, vasectomized, car, home, 5'9", fit 52, seeks fun-loving female for close friendship. *Age, status, immaterial.*" How immaterial, one longs to know?

You can go down or up from this. Down: Love Aids, Adult Videos, Kissograms (Policewomen, Traffic Wardens, Tarzans, Mr Fig Leaf, Gorillagrams), competitive rates. With a Norwich phone number. How odd to think of the office in some elegant Georgian lane, maybe near the cathedral, with all these characters turning up for work at 9am.

Or up. How many *Times* readers know that April 9-16 is National Eating Out Week? Last year it featured such events as a Teddy Bears' picnic each afternoon in a Torrington restaurant, and "a Coventry hotel manager served shoppers with crêpes *suzettes at a table* for two in a bustling thoroughfare" (as a native of Coventry, I can't imagine any day or thoroughfare when the buffeting Midland wind wouldn't blow that spirit flame out). It has a slogan: "Eating *Out Is In.*"

Wouldn't surprise me to know we've missed a lot already. National Cheese Week ("Cheese Makes You Smile"), National Patio Week ("Garden Not Natty-O? Build A Nice Patio"), National Smile Week ("Cheese, Please"), National Sock Week ("Socks Are Never Changed Too Soon. Get Some More For Afternoon"). If you want to know what's national, buy a local, or take one free. There must be lads somewhere in there

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A LAW FOR EUROPE

One fact stands out from the mass of legal obscurities surrounding the High Court's decision to *quash* the extradition of 26 Liverpool football fans accused of manslaughter at the Heysel stadium in May 1985. The extradition proceedings failed because of a vast and elementary blunder on the part of the English authorities.

The power of a British magistrate to authorise extradition to Belgium derives partly from the Extradition Act of 1870 and partly from the Anglo-Belgian Treaty of 1901. That second instrument provides that extradition cannot take place unless adequate *prima facie* evidence is presented to the English court within two months of the arrest of those who have been charged.

It would seem that the DPP and his advisers paid attention to the 1870 Act but omitted to take proper notice of the subsequent treaty. If this were the first time that a such a blunder had been committed in Britain's management of extradition proceedings, pardonable fallability might be pleaded. But the name Evelyn Glenholmes is still fresh in people's memories. She escaped trial on serious terrorist charges as a result of another easily avoidable slip on the part of the DPP's office or those acting for it. In the present case, special care should surely have been taken. *The blot on British sport* imposed by the Heysel disaster has not yet been erased. The smallest suspicion that, either by design (which is not to be credited) or by negligence (which unfortunately is), the British were protecting suspected soccer hooligans from a fair trial should have been avoided at almost any cost.

It must now be banished by the swift adoption of one of the available procedures for restarting the proceedings. Either British witnesses and their evidence must be flown out to Belgium for authentication so that proper extradition proceedings can be started from scratch or the DPP, if he has confidence in the result, must appeal to the Law Lords.

Meanwhile, moral indignation should not be vented against the two judges, to whom the accused owe their temporary deliverance from the ordeal of a trial. It was their business to enforce the law as it stood and to correct the error made by the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate.

Laymen should not be too readily contemptuous of legal niceties. Necessarily, the law is replete with technicalities but they are generally there for reasons of principal or for sound practical considerations.

The chief reason for the stipulation in the Anglo-Belgian Treaty about the relatively prompt submission of properly prepared evidence is to spare the accused prolonged periods of agonising uncertainty. It is certainly arguable that, in this case, the evils of quashing the extradition procedures were greater than those of permitting a deviation from the strict rules; but it is the business of judges to interpret the law as it stands, not to set about improving it or suspending its operation to meet hard cases.

Beyond all this, however, there lies a far more important question: Britain and Belgium both belong to the Common Market; should we not have a common market in extradition? This thinking clearly underlies a provision in the Criminal Justice Bill (now about to go to the Lords having completed its stages in the Commons) which would authorise the Government to make arrangements for the extradition to other countries (without any preliminary hearing of evidence) of those charged with crimes.

The case for preliminary hearings before extradition has always rested on the need to protect British subjects from the danger of being unfairly tried or even tortured by tyrannical foreign regimes. One of the assumptions underlying the Common Market is that all its members have fair judicial systems. Britain and the Republic of Ireland have for long operated a similar system of extradition on request in relation to most crimes (and its extension to terrorist crimes is, it is to be hoped imminent).

This has worked extremely well. Applied throughout the *Common Market, it should be* proof even against the absent mindedness of the DPP's office.

MOVING BISHOPS

The controversy surrounding the appointment of the new Bishop of Birmingham demonstrates how sensitive and accident-prone the relationship between the Church of England and the State has become. The Prime Minister's choice of one suffragan bishop rather than another for the vacant Midlands see, both names having been duly submitted to her by the competent church authority, is hardly an outrage for which she must do penance before the walls of Lambeth Palace in the snow (or even in the chilly air of April).

She has kept to the publicly agreed arrangements, though she has departed from the church's private presumption of the way they would be operated. It seems the church is being a little presumptuous.

The 1976 concordat negotiated with the then Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, gave the church a substantial measure of control over the appointment of diocesan bishops. The church had more than a veto: it was given the right to restrict the Prime Minister's field of choice to those its own Crown Appointments Commission deemed acceptable. The inclusion of the name of the Bishop of Kensington as one of the two submitted was, in effect, a confirmation by the proper church body that he would be a good selection for Birmingham.

The Commission, however, had come to treat its role in these matters not as "a decisive voice" — to use the careful language of 1976 — but as the decisive voice, which is what the General Synod had asked for but knew it was not being given. The agreement which Mrs Thatcher was a party to (for these negotiations involved her as the then Leader of the Opposition) deliberately withheld something, on constitutional grounds.

What it withheld was the right of the church, by selecting its own bishops, to select some of the membership of the House of Lords, where 26 bishops sit *ex officio*. The logic of that is unassailable; and if the church is not happy with it the remedy is to negotiate the *bishops out of the their official* bench in House of Lords, leaving it entirely to the Prime Minister of the day to bestow life peerages on as many or as few as he or she wishes.

In fact Mrs Thatcher's performance as guardian of the 1976 arrangements has been exemplary, and she is even entitled to consider that her record has earned her the right to use her discretion occasionally without it being adversely commented upon, if only just to keep it alive. Had she used it more often in the past, the church would not have been lulled into thinking it was becoming a dead letter. There is a risible scenario here for a *Yes Minister* scriptwriter, as she complains to her "Sir Humphrey" that more interference in the past would have made her less criticized in the present.

Some churchmen do recognise this, and do not want to contribute to a new agitation for the remoulding of these church-state arrangements at this time. But many in the church are ready to be upset, and signs are beginning to emerge of anti-Establishment mentality. There has been tension between the Church of England and the Conservative Government since its arrival, and the relationship has been through a whole series of minicrises with an ideological flavour to them, each of them discernibly inching the mood of the church that little bit closer towards Disestablishment.

The Birmingham affair has bluntly reminded the Church of England that the status of being "by law Established" is not only about receiving certain privileges, and that the contract has another side to it. It requires in principle that the church is submitted to the sovereignty of Parliament in a special way, for it is Parliament which makes law in the British constitution, and it is the Prime Minister who advises the Queen on the exercise of ecclesiastical patronage.

Disestablishment is an idea whose time has not yet come; but it cannot be denied that it is any longer unthinkable. The church would do well to think about it more carefully, to see whether it can afford the enormous price it would have to pay.

THE CORE OF LEARNING

Some 6,350 people tried to get through to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, on a BBC radio phone-in yesterday, 11 of whom succeeded. The average, for such shows, is 3,000 to 4,000 callers. If the number of people trying to get on to a radio phone-in is proportionate to the interest in the subject under discussion, then the Prime Minister seems to have been right in deciding that education has become one of the great topics agitating the electorate.

The healthily ambitious Mr Baker also made the right estimate, from the standpoint of his own future, in wanting to be Secretary for Education at such a time. His core curriculum alone should ensure that he enters history as the most influential Minister of Education since Butler — apart perhaps from the late Anthony Crosland and Mrs Shirley Williams, the ministers whose egalitarianism Mr Baker's meritocracy is trying to undo.

Mr Baker was given the job because the Prime Minister wanted an energetic and personable politician to allay parents' fears that their children are not being taught the right things. His core curriculum is the result.

Mr Baker and most parents seem to be agreed about the ends, and have willed them. Children have to be taught "the basics". Both the Secretary of State and his electorate now have to will the means, which is that basic things can probably only be taught in a rather basic way.

His core curriculum, Mr Baker told the phone-in audience, would consist of mathematics, English, science, a foreign language, history, geography and basic technology. Whereupon, a lady from Devizes told him: "That would make my daughter very unhappy. She's given up all the sciences. Absolutely loathes them. Has no aptitude for them. Loves foreign languages". Mr Baker replied that "maybe the teaching wasn't very imaginative. Maybe they didn't capture and explain to her all the interesting things about the laws of science and physics and chemistry and what happens in the heavens ..."

A sterner tone would have been preferable on the part of both phoner-in and phoned, if the core curriculum is to triumph. There are limits to how far the *core of any* worthwhile subject should be made to "capture" the pupil who is being told to learn it, whether the subject be grammar, the rudiments of a foreign language or "the laws of science and physics and chemistry".

Some basics can only be grasped by rote. Many voters are perhaps overlooking that sad truth when they airily agree about the desirability of a higher standards. Traditionally, children have accepted that a certain amount of enforced learning is inseparable from schooldays. After all, they have to be compelled *by law to go to school in the* first place.

The traditional way of helping them endure the early drudgery is the prospect of prizes, high marks, and good positions in class. Mr Baker probably knows all this full well. But he likes to be liked. Such diplomat's skills are helping him win broad support for his core curriculum. A few of the headmaster's will help him enforce it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State's role in funding of research

From Lord Sherfield, FRS

Sir, Mr George Walden (April 6) gives a misleading impression in his article on scientific research when he says "British business provides the lowest proportion of research and development, and *the Government the highest*, of any Western country".

I agree with his criticism that British industry is spending too little on R & D and his wish to see disclosure of R & D in company accounts. But he is complacent about the Government's expenditure. This is high as a proportion of *industry's* spending, but, as in the case of industry, it is low compared with that of many Western governments, both relatively and absolutely.

In the all-important category of civil R & D, excluding defence, the Government's expenditure is under 0.7 per cent of GDP (gross domestic product), compared with about 1.0 per cent in Germany, France and the Netherlands. In *per capita* terms our Government's spend is about half that of Germany, and about 60 per cent of France and the Netherlands.

Yours faithfully,
SHERFIELD (Chairman,
House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology),
House of Lords.
April 10.

From the Chairman of Honeywell Limited

Sir, Your leading article ("The quest for the best", March 27) canvassed the view that research funding should be withdrawn from 12 universities which were assessed below average for research in at least 10 subject areas by the University Grants Committee.

These assessments have, I understand, been the subject of considerable criticism, not least on the grounds that insufficient attention was paid to university collaboration with industry. There are other, equally important, factors to be taken into account, such as the value of industrially funded contracts held by a university and the direct benefits to the economy in terms of spin-off companies, technology licensed to companies and the resultant royalties. These represent measures of quality which are in some cases a better reflection of the priorities which *industry itself attaches to research* in higher education.

Of the 12 universities named, the University of Strathclyde is the one that I know best and provides a good example of how different a university's research performance can look, viewed from other perspectives.

In 1986, Strathclyde won the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement, jointly with the Wellcome Foundation, for the development of a drug which is benefiting the balance of payments to the tune of some £50million a year. The total value of Strathclyde's portfolio of research contracts has more than doubled in the past three years to £21million with research council and industrial grants increasing particularly rapidly in value.

In the area of collaborative research with industry in information techology it is the leading university in Europe in terms of grants approved under the Esprit (European strategic programme for research in advanced techology), Race (Research in advanced communications in Europe) and science stimulation programmes of the European Community. It is also among the leading six British universities for projects approved under the Alvey programme.

Strathclyde has launched eight spin-off companies and others are about to follow. In my view its strengths in research far outweigh any weaknesses and we should avoid the usual national attitude of concentrating on our problems rather than on our achievements.

Certainly there should be greater selectivity in research funding but the measurement of relative performance is considerably more complex than your article suggested and the views of industry should play a bigger part in the assessment.

Yours faithfully,
JIM McGREGOR, Chairman,
Honeywell Limited,
Charles Square,
Bracknell, Berkshire.

From Mr M. J. Craddock

Sir, Perhaps it is strictly true that, as Professor Elton claims (April 6), he "never asked for a penny from the Government or other grant-giving institutions". He did not have to ask, because the University Grants Committee was happy to fund his research (and Cambridge) from Treasury grants at a level more than adequate to support his "40 years of life in a university".

During that time did he ever feel the need to call the UGC an "acronymic absurdity"? So much for his call to "observe proper distinctions".

Still, he has a point, and the fact that last week's White Paper on Higher Education (Cmnd 114) had to devote Annex A to listing 50 abbreviations and acronyms emphasises it. However, I fear Professor Elton's naivety may be in for a rude awakening when he finds that (post-Croham and post-White Paper) his university now has to take part in a system of contracting with the soon-to-be-established UFC (Universities Funding Council).

Yours faithfully,
M. J. CRADDOCK,
Lancashire Polytechnic,
Policy Support Unit,
Preston, Lancashire.
April 7.

For gallantry

From Wing Commander A. G. Trevenen James

Sir, Surely, Dr Pauline Cutting should receive an immediate award of the George Cross for sustained courage, skill and compassion far beyond the normal call of duty in the ruins of Beirut.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. TREVENEN JAMES,
Flat 7, 125 Harley Street, W1.
April 9.

Trade with Japan

From Mr Stefan Kemball

Sir, Am I alone in offering gentle words on doing *business with* Japan?

Next month, on behalf of Japanese principals, this company stages the first international interiors fair ever held in Japan. Some 300 West European manufacturers and trade associations have been recruited to meet Japan's professional buyers, designers and import agents. I am happy to say the largest national group is from the UK.

Such an export exhibition would have been quite impossible without the closest moral and practical support from the Japanese trade federations, whose members will make up the buying audience. I doubt whether such trade cooperation is as rare as some public prints would have us believe.

Yours faithfully,
STEFAN KEMBALL, Director,
Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd,
11 Manchester Square, W1.
April 3.

From Mr Ray Ward

Sir, I recently bought a portable colour television set which bears (in mock-Oriental style lettering, too) the brand name Tashiko. On the box it says: "Made in UK".

I wonder if anyone might care to comment on the significance of this.

Yours faithfully,
RAY WARD,
15 Holdernesse Road, SW17.
April 7.

Labour's 'crisis'

From Mr P. T. Kirby

Sir, Mr Pimlott's article (April 7) on the reasons for Labour's electoral crisis not only ignores defence but also misses the point so far as the ordinary man in the street is concerned.

What is clear is that many ex-GLC and other extremist politicians are standing as parliamentary candidates in the next general election. What the Livingstone and other extremist administrations have demonstrated is that such politicians have no sense of proportion or natural justice when addressing issues of racism, sexism and minority issues such as lesbianism.

By appointing political friends to positions of authority on the councils they control, by pursuing policies of suicidal confrontation with the Government on finance, social and education issues, and by vigorously pursuing those employees they think oppose their policies, the lethal left gives ordinary Labour voters such as myself cause to doubt how a future Labour government will react to the day-to-day issues facing the electorate and their children at school.

Yours faithfully,
P. T. KIRBY,
9 Abbots Green,
Croydon,
Surrey.

Own goal?

From Miss Madge Dugdale

Sir, The ghosts of the suffragettes must be turning in their graves! They gained equality of voting rights for women. Eventually we got the Equal Opportunities Act. Now it is suggested (April 8) that we need a ministry for women!

What a retrograde step! Are women to lose their hard-won freedom and equality and return to holding their mothers' apron strings?

Whoa! Oh woe! Oh no!

Yours faithfully,
MADGE DUGDALE,
Abacus House,
Ringmer, Sussex.
April 10.

Interest rates

From the Chairman of the National Council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce

Sir, I make no apologies for returning to the subject of interest rates, a topic on which British chambers of commerce are unanimous.

Again and again the good and the great of the Bank and the Treasury have rebuked us: we must, they say, expect volatility of interest rates. We do — but something has gone wrong. In times of trouble, the rates shoot up. When we are told all is set fair, they creep down and remain far above the overseas competition.

What do they do, these high rates? They certainly don't restrain consumer spending, which seems to thrive on credit card rates over 20 per cent. They equally certainly do restrict investment and employment. An investment project's after-interest return looks quite different to a German on his cost of money than to a Briton on a 9½ per cent base.

And above all, after achieving a reasonable sterling-Deutschmark level which was bringing anew a proper share of international manufacturing trade to Britain, the hesitant failure to accompany all the good news with a cut in interest has set the pound on an upward trend again which bids fair to reverse the gains.

Chambers of commerce discern *no reason not to reduce the rates* by a further 1½ per cent now. Even then the rate would be defensively high in international terms. We are told that the authorities are "awaiting the right moment". Remember *Waiting for Godot*? He never came.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. S. MACPHERSON,
Chairman of National Council,
The Association of British Chambers of Commerce,
Sovereign House,
212a Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2.
April 13.

UK labyrinth of Soviet arts deal

From Mr Patrick Miles

Sir, I am inclined to agree with the Director of the National Theatre (April 3) that the Government fails to put its money where its *mouth is in the case of* "art-swaps" with the USSR.

For the past two years the British Council and myself have been negotiating the display in Cambridge of a superb Soviet exhibition of manuscripts, photographs, personal effects etc of Chekhov (Britain's second most popular dramatist).

The preparatory correspondence was Byzantine in the best Russian tradition, but on November 20 of last year the Ministry of Culture of the USSR put in writing reasonable terms for the visit and generous terms of financial help. The exhibition was to coincide with the Anglo-Soviet colloquium, "Chekhov on the British Stage" here in August and to be a centrepiece of the Cambridge Festival.

I hear today that the exhibition has had to be withdrawn from the Cambridge Festival, basically because in five months the British side has been unable to match the Soviet financial offer with funds to cover its stay on British soil. It is now probably too late to find another venue anyway. Where does one hide one's head?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MILES,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.
April 3.

A potent force

From the Director General of the British Council

Sir, The reported interest during the Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union in improving cultural relations is good news for both our countries. They have been pretty thin for several years, though the British Council has, since Mr Gorbachov's accession to power, committed a sizeable share of its slender resources to supporting visits of British artists to the Soviet Union.

The London Sinfonietta and the BBC Symphony Orchestra have already had successful tours. The Koenig Ensemble goes shortly. All are playing new British music to interested and appreciative audiences. In June the Royal Ballet will visit Moscow and Leningrd. The proposed tour of the National Theatre and its exchange with Mayakovsky in 1988 will be one of the highlights of this developing traffic the Council will be giving significantly more financial support than usual to the NT visit to the USSR.

It is good to see cultural exchange publicly recognised at the highest level as a potent force in international relations.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BURGH, Director General,
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.

Oil on Cork beaches

From Mr Matt Murphy

Sir, We at Sherkin Island Marine Station, which is independent and privately funded, have been monitoring the effects of the Kowloon Bridge accident on the West Cork shores since last November, when the vessel sank at the Stag Rocks. In answer to the letter from Miss Flowers and others (April 9) I wish to make the following points:

1. The Cork County Council have been removing oil from the beaches, strands and coves since oil first came ashore on November 25, 1986. Since March 23 the county council have been carrying out a final clean-up along the coast; the results are most impressive.
2. The estimated amount of oil that has come ashore since the accident has been approximately 200 tons and most of this has been removed by Cork County Council. The issue is a nuisance problem rather than a pollution problem, and to say that the area is "awash with oil and dead sea birds" is simply incorrect.
3. It has yet to be established if there is any bunker oil remaining on board the Kowloon Bridge. The latest attempt to ascertain this, in mid-February, proved inconclusive as the weather conditions at the Stag Rocks were dangerous for divers. Biologists from the station have inspected the wreck area three times since April 1 and found no evidence of leakage.

In January and March, 1987, we invited the research director of the Field Studies Council, UK, to assess the situation on the seashore along the West Cork coast. Her reports, which have been published in our *Bulletin of Sherkin Island*, nos 6 and 7, show that, while there are black spots that affect tourism, these are being tackled by the county council.

Yours sincerely,
MATT MURPHY, Director,
Sherkin Island Marine Station,
Sherkin Island,
Co Cork, Republic of Ireland.

Indefinite articles

From Mr Henry Toch

Sir, Paul Johnson is, of course, quite right when he complains (feature, April 4) that the restrictive practices of academic trade unionists prevent history being read and taught as widely as it should be.

As an academic, who writes books on taxation, I am used to the "closed shop" of journalists. Editors still feel that articles written by academics are above the heads of their readers, and academics feel that unless the material is presented in the form of a dissertation by one of themselves, it has no academic merit.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY TOCH,
49 Hawkshead Lane,
North Mymms, Hertfordshire.

One track minds

From Mr David Wardill

Sir, Is Bernard Levin (feature, April 13) becoming a Single Issue Fanatic on the issue of Single Issue Fanatics? —

Yours faithfully,
D. WARDILL,
7 Ashtree Close,
Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 15 1908

The "Brownsville affair" reported in this selection from the day's "Imperial and Foreign Intelligence" refers to the dishonourable discharge of 167 black soldiers suspected of having killed one man in the Texan city of that name. In 1972 the discharge was changed to honourable. Martial law had been proclaimed in Barcelona as the result of an anarchist outrage in December, 1907

THE UNITED STATES.

THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.

The lapse of a year seems to have strengthened rather than diminished the interest felt in the Brownsville affair. Senator Foraker is this afternoon again pleading the cause of the dismissed negro soldiers. So far from emptying the Chamber galleries, as was often the case last year, he has filled them to overflowing. Over 2,000 people were turned away before the Senate opened this morning. Coloured faces preponderate in the galleries, and the keen attention with which the negroes follow their champion's utterance proves the hold which he has over the negro imagination. Senator Foraker is speaking on his Bill for the re-enlistment of the soldiers, which, together with the rival Administration Bill, has already been described.

THE BARCELONA ANARCHISTS.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

BARCELONA, April 14.

Verdict and sentences in the trial of the Anarchists were rendered today. Juan Rull, Hermenegildo Rull, and Marie Queralto were condemned to death. José Rull, Amadeo Trillas, and Francisco Trigneros to 17, 24 and *14 years imprisonment in chains* respectively, and Raimondo Burget to four months in chains. Perello and Perals were acquitted.

NEWFOUNDLAND SEALING FLEET.

FEARED DISASTER.

ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, April 13.

The Government are despatching the steamer Adventure, the strongest vessel of the sealing fleet, to cruise among the icefloes and bring back the crews of the lost steamers Panther, Walrus, and Grand Lake, which have been distributed among the remainder of the sealing fleet, and also to assist the crippled steamers as far as possible. It is feared that some of these may have foundered in the furious gales which are still raging.

The Adventure will leave tonight.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKING, April 14.

The Imperial rescript of March 15, 1899, whereby China granted official rank to the Roman Catholic hierarchy, a priest to rank as a prefect and a bishop as a viceroy or governor, has been cancelled. The effect of the rescript has been that at present 1,100 Roman Catholic missionary priests rank as prefects, and 46 Roman Catholic bishops enjoy viceregal rank, some having even adopted the insignia of a viceroy. China herself has only nine viceroys. The rescript at the time was not received with entire favour; it has since frequently been condemned by devout Roman Catholics, has frequently been abused, and has led to frequent difficulties, for it gave higher rank to missionaries than to the Consular representatives of the countries whose subjects they were or by whom they were protected. The conditions now being regarded as different from those existing when the rescript was issued, the Wai-wu-pu memorialized the Throne, recommending that the decree should be rescinded. The memorial has received the Imperial sanction, and the rescript has been cancelled.

NO MORE RANSOMS FOR ENGLISHMEN.

TANGIER, April 14.

The British Consulate here gives notice to all British subjects, whether residents or visitors, that his Majesty's Government will refuse henceforth to advance money as ransom in the event of their being captured by brigands either in or outside the town. This decision has been received with great indignation by the British colony.

changing of the structure ... News 5.55 Twenty-Four Hours (until 1.30). All times in GMT 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 14: The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, His Excellency the Ambassador of Nicaragua and Señora de d'Escoto, His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Harland, the Most Reverend John Ward, Sir John and Lady Harvey-Jones, Mr and Mrs Martin Moss and Mr and Mrs David Sekers have left the Castle.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, visited The Life Guards at Combermere Barracks, Windsor today and was received on arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Goodhew).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, viewed the Heathrow Standby Troop (Commander, Lieutenant Hugh Robertson).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon attended the Point-to-Point Owners' Association Meeting at Ashorne.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr C Holman (High Sheriff of Warwickshire) and Mr J Mahon (Chairman of the Owners' Association/Point to Point Club).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of The Girl Guides Association, presented brooches to Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace this afternoon.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

April 14: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this morning opened the Mary Queen of Scots Memorial Exhibition at Arundel Castle, West Sussex.

Their Royal Highnesses, who were attended by Lt Col Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

CLARENCE HOUSE

April 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Cheshire.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, opened "The Manchesters" Museum at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 14: Princess Alexandra, Vice President of the British Red Cross Society, this morning attended a Meeting of the Council at 9, Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness was present at a tea party in celebration of the 21st Anniversary of CONTACT at the Barbican Centre, EC2.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 14: The Duke of Kent, Patron of Kent Opera, this evening attended a performance of "Carmen" at the Theatre Royal, Norwich, Norfolk.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward will visit Canada from Thursday 25th to Tuesday 30th June, 1987. His Royal Highness will visit the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of York will visit Canada from Thursday 16th to Saturday 25th July, 1987 and will undertake engagements in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Their Royal Highnesses will then proceed to the North-west Territories for a private visit.

Meeting

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Governors of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund was held at 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2, yesterday. Sir David Innes Williams, chairman of council, was in the chair and he presented the annual report for the year ending September 30, 1986. The accounts were presented by Sir Thomas Gore Browne, Treasurer of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the Royal Society's house. M J L Dhersc and Mr C. Kirkland also spoke. Among those present were:

The Earl of Lauderdale, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Lord Beloff, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Baroness Burton of Coventry, Field-Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Chorley, Lord Kearton, Lord Shackleton, Baroness White, Lord Penney, Sir Barney Hayhoe, MP, Sir Alistair and Lady Pilkington, Sir Randolph Quirk, Sir Robert Reid, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, M Jean-Noel de Laroche, Mr H Fish, M C H Massel, Rear-Admiral R O Morris and Dr P T Warren.

Service Dinner
Lowland TA&VR Association

Lieutenant-Colonel A.M. Sprot, President of the Lowland Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association, presided at a dinner held at the TA Centre, Edinburgh, last night to mark the retirement of Colonel C.H.K. Corsar as chairman.

Women's Advertising Club of London

Mr Jonathan Ross was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Lyndy Payne, president, was in the chair.



Only one young violinist was to play at the Barbican Concert Hall tonight. But Sir Yehudi Menuhin was so impressed by Elisa Barston (left), aged 18, from Los Angeles, Dong Qun, aged 13, from China, Elisabeth Glass, aged 16, from Berlin, and Bartlomiej Niziol, aged 13, from Poland, prizewinners at the Orion Insurance Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition, that he has asked all four to play (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Science report

Fears over 'glue-sniffer's heart'

By Peter Brock

The condition known as "glue-sniffer's heart" is causing increasing concern among doctors. The illness was recognised after a case treated by two doctors from St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in which the health of a boy aged 15 deteriorated so rapidly that he had to undergo a heart transplant.

He had arrived at his local hospital suffering from chest pains and shortness of breath at the slightest exertion.

The boy had sniffed glue intermittently for two years — generally one in which the main solvent was toluene — as well as smoking cannabis and tobacco. A fortnight before arriving in hospital, he had been on a heavy session of solvent abuse.

The boy was transferred to St Bartholomew's where clinical tests were carried out by Dr Martin Wiseman, registrar in cardiology, and Dr Seamus Banim, his consultant. These revealed that the boy's heart was enlarged, its outer layer of muscle was chronically inflamed and his blood pressure was well down.

Eventually he was allowed home with a collection of chemical supplements and drugs such as heart stimulants and diuretics. After remaining well for two months, the boy took a hot bath and suddenly lost his sight.

Back in hospital the drama was repeated. Simple exercise — 10 knee bends — halved the boy's blood pressure and his vision vanished again. Sight was restored only when he lay down.

The boy denied any recent solvent abuse but had to have intravenous dobutamine, a powerful drug used in cases of heart failure, to maintain his blood pressure.

His condition worsened and within 10 days he was undergoing a heart transplant.

Without medical and surgical intervention the boy would have died from heart failure, which is unusual; in the 80 deaths a year asphyxiation is the most common cause.

Two other reports strengthen medical suspicion about the effect of solvent abuse on the heart.

Dr Andrew McLeod, consultant cardiologist at King's College and Dulwich Hospitals, London, reports on a boy aged 14 who, while having his tonsils removed, was seen to have rhythm disturbances of the heart.

After he recovered from surgery, tests showed further abnormal rhythms which resulted in the boy having to have a pacemaker inserted.

"Some form of drug or solvent abuse was suspected but strenuously denied", Dr McLeod and his colleagues say.

Later, the boy's mother discovered that a litre bottle of trichloroethane, used by her husband for professionally cleaning audio-visual equipment, was almost empty and a large amount of typewriter correction fluid thinner (also containing trichloroethane) had disappeared.

A group from the Belfast regional cardiology centre present what they believe to be the first documented case of successful resuscitation outside hospital of a patient suffering ventricular fibrillation after solvent abuse.

Again, it was a teenage boy, a strong swimmer, who suddenly fell face downwards in a local pool.

A mobile coronary care unit was called. The team had to deliver electric shock to restore rhythm in the boy's heart after which came a battery of life-supporting drugs before he was taken to intensive care. The boy had a history of heavy solvent abuse (4-6 litres a week) and admitted that before he went swimming he had been sniffing.

These reports, taken together, suggest for the first time that chronic solvent inhaling could be the cause of long-term damage to the heart and, as the Belfast team puts it, "highlight the ominous consequences of this form of drug abuse.

Source: British Medical Journal (1987), 294, 6574.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.R.C. Lea
and the Hon S. Kinnaird

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs R.F.G. Lea, of Duxford Mill, Cambridge, and Susan, daughter of Lord and Lady Kinnaird, of Rossie Priory, Perthshire.

Mr C.M. Bown
and Miss L.M.S. Parker

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.J.D. Bown, of Kew Surrey and Little Broughton, North Yorkshire, and Lorna, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A.S. Parker, of Pirbright, Surrey.

Mr S. de Courcy Wheeler
and Miss F. Skrine

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs Desmond de Courcy Wheeler, of Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Skrine, of Co. Wexford and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr J.R.S. English
and Miss H.I. Tahany

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Dr and Mrs T.H. English, of Nantwich, Cheshire, and Hannah, only daughter of Mr M.P. Tahany, of Leicester, and Mrs M.J.A. Tahany, of Plymouth, Devon.

Mr A.J.E. Hodder
and Miss A.E. Hoghton

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Hodder, of Sutton Coldfield, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Hoghton, of Westerham, Kent.

Mr J.E. Kempner
and Miss F.J. McNaughtan

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Kempner, of Hampstead, London, and Jilly, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Donald McNaughtan, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr J.A. Knight
and Miss S.M. Ronaldson

The engagement is announced between John Anthony, eldest son of Mr V.C.H. Knight, FRIBA, and Mrs Knight, of Cobham, Surrey, and Selina Mary, youngest daughter of Licutenam-Colonel and Mrs P.M. Ronaldson, of Campden Hill, London.

Mr J.H. Nettlefold
and Miss S. Macarthur Onslow

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.M. Nettlefold, of Abbey House, Milton Lilbourne, Pewsey, Wiltshire, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ion Macarthur Onslow, of 2a Holt Street, Double Bay, Sydney, Australia.

Mr N. Turner
and Miss C. Mason

The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Turner, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Carey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Mason, of Hampton, Middlesex.

Marriage

Mr P.A. Cheese
and Miss F.C. Robertson

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 4, at St Mark's, Staplefield, Sussex, between Mr Peter Ayrton Cheese, twin son of Dr and Mrs John Cheese, and Miss Fiona Claire Robertson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Robertson. The Rev A. Hobbs officiated.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A.R. Boyle
and Miss F.E.M. Ramsay
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OBITUARY

PROFESSOR R. W. DITCHBURN

Work on light and eye movements

Professor R. W. Ditchburn, FRS, scientist, whose life's work was given over to the study of light and the eyes, died suddenly on April 8. He was 84.

Robert William Ditchburn was born on January 14, 1903, and went to Bootle Secondary School and to Liverpool University. He then gained an entrance scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he worked in the Cavendish Laboratory, then dominated by J. J. Thomson and Rutherford.

He had a distinguished career there, becoming a senior scholar, Hooper Prizeman and Isaac Newton student.

In 1928 he was appointed a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, and in the following year, at the young age of 25, he became professor of natural and experimental philosophy at Dublin University. He retained these posts until 1946.

He spent most of the war years as a temporary experimental officer at the Admiralty, where he did research on optics, including work on gun and bomb sights.

In 1931 he was elected to membership of the Irish Academy; and in Cambridge and in Dublin he undertook pioneering work in vacuum ultra-violet spectroscopy. By examing the behaviour of light passing through various materials in different physical circumstances (particularly, in a vacuum), Ditchburn was able to explore the material's structure.

In 1946, he moved to Reading University, succeeding J. G. Crowther as head of the department of physics. It was, at that time, a small department (two-and-a-half people other than the professor) in a small university (less than 1,000 students); but Ditchburn had taken the advice of C. P. Snow, who predicted that there must necessarily be a great advance in physics departments and that Reading was a good place to be.

Shortly afterwards, the university acquired Whiteknights, a thirty-acre campus, and it wears a tribute to Ditchburn's persistence that the second building to be erected in the park was for the physics department, named the J. J. Thomson Physical Laboratory.

Realizing that his own field of vacuum spectroscopy was too specialized to be the sole basis for the research work of the department, Ditchburn made appointments which broadened its range, particularly into solid-state physics. So successful was this development that, in 1951, the Reading department was host to the first international conference on semic-onductors.

Ditchburn broadened the scope of his own research, and undertook work on the effects of high energy radiation on diamond. Working primarily on industrial diamonds, he examined the passage of light through them, thereby analysing their structure.

His interests in the physiological aspects of optics, with which he had been concerned in the Admiralty, were also developed.

Under his leadership the physics department grew in size and status; and, by the time he retired in 1968, there were over thirty academic staff with strong technical support.

In 1952, Ditchburn's textbook, *Light*, was published as volume I of Blackie's series, *The Student's Physics*. It was a highly successful book which went on to a third edition and was in standard use for over twenty years.

He was president of the Physical Society in 1958, and vice-president of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society in 1960-2. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1962 in recognition of the distinction of his researches on ultra-violet spectroscopy, radiation damage and visual discrimination.

On his retirement he retained his connections with the university and continued his research in eye movements.

In 1983 he was awarded the C. E. K. Mees Medal of the Optical Society of America for his contributions to optical knowledge. The medal was presented to him in his eightieth year at the society's meeting in New Orleans. He was still producing papers on his research up to the time of his death.

A second book, *Eye-Movements and Visual Perception*, was published in 1973.

Ditchburn was not a gregarious sort of person. He was a dedicated scientists who demanded of himself, and of his colleagues, the highest academic standards.

He married, in 1929, Doreen Barrett, who survives him with their son and three daughters.

M RENÉ HARDY

M René Hardy, French Resistance fighter, hailed by some as a hero and suspected by others of treachery, died on April 12. He was 75.

Hardy was born on October 31, 1911, in the Orne region of Normandy. He studied at the Railroad School and worked for the state-run rail system until 1939.

During the dark days of 1940 he and his group wrecked, on an average, seven trains a day. He also wrote a pamphlet explaining methods of de-railing engines, which was broadcast to the Resistance from London.

He was the author, too, of the "Green Plan" to cut the French railway system at 500 points on D-Day. Always he moved in the highest Resistance circles, working loyally and with courage against "the Boche".

By the summer of 1943 he was known as Colonel "Didot" (his codename), the slim, sharp-faced expert in charge of all railway sabotage in the south of the country. He had met and fallen in love with a nineteen-year-old girl called Lydie Bastien, who acted as his secretary and who typed his confidential reports.

Then, on the morning of June 7 of that year Bastien booked him a sleeping-car ticket from his headquarters at Lyons to Paris. That night he set off. But he never reached Paris to keep his rendezvous with General Antoine Delestraint, chief of staff of the Resistance Secret Army. (Two days later, Delestraint was arrested.)

On the train were Gestapo agents. The questions at Hardy's first trial, in 1947, on which everything depended, was whether they arrested him or whether he escaped. To his comrades later, Hardy gave a vague account of these events.

A fortnight later, the Gestapo - under Klaus Barbie - burst into a meeting of the top twelve Resistance leaders at a village called Caluire, near Lyons.

Hardy was there with the others, and with them he was put facing the wall with a gun in his back. But, unlike the others, he was not handcuffed. So, when his colleagues were led out, he made his escape, met with only feeble resistance from his guards, although he was struck in the arm by a bullet.

Among the group was Jean Moulin, chairman of the National Resistance Council, who was so barbarously treated by his original captors, including Barbie, that he was dead within a fortnight. His colleagues were all men of courage and weight, none of whom lightly betrayed anything he knew.

A few hours later, Hardy was again arrested, but instead of ending up in a prison camp, he was sent to a Red Cross hospital. From there he escaped, and returned to his clandestine activities, preparing a plan for sabotaging enemy communications for the expected Allied invasion.

After the war he was twice tried for treason, and acquitted on both occasions. But many of his former Resistance colleagues maintained that he was guilty of betrayal and collaboration with the enemy.

In 1972 (before his subsequent extradition to France, where he is now charged with crimes against humanity), Barbie, from the sanctuary of an hospitable South American dictatorship, supported these accusations. He claimed that Hardy's treachery sealed Moulin's fate, and he also credited Hardy with handing over to him General Delestraint.

Hardy replied at the time: "This new Barbie affair is a nuisance which is keeping me away from MacGregor, a character in my next novel. You know, indignation is like love. After thirty years it gets blunted".

After the war Hardy had begun another life - that of a novelist, and he published seven books in all. *Le Fer de Dieu* (The Sword of God, 1954) is a powerful if imperfectly realized piece of work.

A later book, *Amère Victoire* (Bitter Victory), won the Deux Magots Prize in 1956. The story of a commando raid into the desert to destroy a German headquarters, it should hardly have made dull reading, but Hardy almost contrived to make it so. *L'Aigle et le Cheval* (The Eagle and the Horse) won the 1959 Interallie Prize.

In 1984, he published *Derniers Mots* (Last Words), his memoirs, in which he once again denied having betrayed Moulin.

PROFESSOR DAVID VALENTINE

Professor David Valentine, botanist, died on April 10, at the age of 75.

David Henriques Valentine was born at Salford on February 16, 1912, and educated at Manchester Grammar School and at St John's College, Cambridge.

His first research interests were in plant physiology, but his growing expertise in the classification and distribution of plants led to his appointment, in 1936, as Curator of the Herbarium at Cambridge. A research fellowship at St John's followed in 1938.

During the war years he was employed by the Ministry of Food to work on methods for the dehydration of vegetables.

In 1945, he was appointed head of the department of botany at Durham University, first, as a reader, and then, from 1950, as professor of botany. During this time he established his reputation as a leading authority in experimental taxonomy, and developed a particular concern for the rich flora of Upper Teesdale.

He was prominent among those who, in the 1960s, campaigned for a properly balanced conservation plan for the area, which would protect habitats of unique scientific importance from uncontrolled access by visitors and from industrial demands for reservoirs.

From 1966, until his retirement in 1979, Valentine was professor of botany at Manchester.

This was a period of rapid growth in the university: during his tenure the number of botany students doubled; and he was closely involved in a number of important innovations, notably the setting up of the Manchester Pollution Research Unit in 1979, and of the Granada Arboretum at Jodrell Bank.

He came to Manchester, however, at a time when the predominance of the autocratic professor was on the wane and an era of consultation was in the ascendant, a state of affairs which Valentine found not entirely to his taste.

His work also included membership of the editorial committee of *Flora Europaea*, a major work of reference published in five volumes between 1964 and 1980, bringing together contributions from a large company of European botanists.

He became president of the International Organization of Plant Systematists, and received honours from scientific bodies in Czechoslovakia and Finland. He also served as a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History) and as a member of the Nature Conservancy Council.

In addition to his many papers on experimental taxonomy, he published, in 1972, *Taxonomy, Phytogeography and Evolution*.

Valentine was a forthright personality who pulled his weight on committees. He also had the wider interests of students at heart, and gave his support to university committees dealing with student accommodation and catering, as well as to the provision of nursing facilities.

He married, in 1938, Joan Todd, who survives him together with two sons and three daughters.

Correction

We regret that, in our obituary yesterday of Colonel G. O. C. Probert, we stated that his wife, Ruby, predeceased him. This is not the case, and we apologise for any distress the error may have caused.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev N Weir, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Sydney Street, Chelsea, diocese London, to be Assistant Curate in the Poplar Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev J Wiseman, Assistant Curate, St Peter the Apostle and Martyr, Swinton, diocese Manchester, to be Team Vicar in the Atherton Team Ministry with responsibility for St George's same diocese.

The Rev J W Woodward, Assistant Curate, Consett, diocese Durham, to be Chaplain to the The The Rev Richard Harries, Bishop-designate of Oxford, diocese Oxford.

Retirements

Canon J Hamilton, Vicar, Christ Church, Eccleston, diocese Liverpool, to retire on 30 September 1987.

The Rev A Quin, Vicar, Haynes, diocese St Albans, to retire.

The Rev W P Rennison, Vicar, Milland, St Luke, diocese Chichester, to retire on 30 June 1987.

The Rev L C Waldron, Vicar, Wiggenhall St Germans w St Mary the Virgin, and Vicar, Islington w Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen, diocese Ely, retired.

The Rev S R Watkin, the Incumbent, Ipstones-w-Berkamsytch and Onecote-w-Bradnop, diocese Lichfield, to retire on 31 May 1987.

Church in Wales
Diocese of St Asaph

The Rev M J Walker, Vicar of Llangollen, diocese of St Asaph, to be Rural Dean of Llangollen.

The Rev M J Scarth, Assistant Curate of Llandrillo-yn-Rhos, diocese of St Asaph, to be Vicar of Rhosymedre, same diocese.

The Rev G W Jones, Vicar of Llandrillo with Llandderfel and Rural Dean of Penllyn to be Canon Cursal of St Asaph Cathedral.

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev D W B McCulloch, Priest-in-charge, St John's, Middlesbrough has been appointed Rector of St James' Aberdeen.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you.
St. John 16 : 7

BIRTHS

AINSWORTH - On April 9th 1987, at The London Hospital, Mile End, to Sheila (née Folan) and Peter, a son, Hadrian John Arthur.

ALLEN - On April 12th, to Edwina and Patrick, a daughter, Belinda Blanche.

BINSTED - On April 11th, at Westminster Hospital, to Jenny (née Halle) and David, a son Edmund John Frederick, a brother for Thomas, always remembering Harry in our thoughts and prayers

BLANK - On April 13th, to Marilyn (née Kohl) and Stephen, a daughter, a sister for Eleanor, Juliet and Richard.

BUTT - On April 6th, to Mary and Rowland, a daughter, Rosalind Elizabeth, a sister for Louisa, Charles and Susanna.

DENDEKKI-DENDOWICZ - On April 9th, to Margaret and Michael, a daughter, Katherine Marian.

FRANKLIN - On March 29th, in Milan, to Catherine and Peter, a daughter, Amanda Louise.

HARRON WATT - *On April 3rd, in Londerry*, to Sue (née Eaton) and Ian, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Timothy.

HENDERSON - On April 6th 1987, to Elizabeth (née McCrosson) and Charles, a son, Sebastian James Douglas.

HETHERINGTON - On April 8th 1987, to Jill (née Harrop) and Colin, a daughter, Clare Rosemary.

HERBERT - On April 2nd 1987, at The Portland Clinic, to Vanessa (née Walden) and Anthony, a daughter, Sophie Evelyn.

HILLINGTON BUCK - On April 10th 1987, to Mary and Ben, a son, Patrick Benjamin.

OXLEY - On April 11th 1987, at the Royal Hampshire, Winchester, to Louise (née Riley) and Stephen, a son, Nicholas Alexander.

RAE - On April 6th 1987, to Caroline (née Brooks) and Iain, a daughter, Olivia Victoria Eves.

REDDEN - See Whitlock.

RYECART - On April 12th 1987, at The Lindo wing, to Lady Marsha and Patrick Ryecart, a son, Frederick.

WHITLOCK - On April 8th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Melanie and John, a daughter Kate, a sister for Louise.

WITTON - On March 26th 1987, in Hong Kong, to Peter and Josephine, a daughter, Cordelia Edwina Kathleen Grace, a sister for Oliver.

MARRIAGES

CREIGHTON-READ - On Saturday April 11th 1987 at Ashford, Kent, John Alexander (Sandy) elder son of Mr & Mrs John Creighton of Woodbridge, Suffolk to Susan, younger daughter of Dr & Mrs Peter Read of Charehorne, Kent (recently of Hartley).

DEATHS

ARROYAVE - On April 11th 1987, peacefully, Fernado, of Foxcombe Field, Boars Hill, Oxford. Funeral service at Greyfriar's Church, Iffley Road, Oxford, on Tuesday April 21st at 9.30am, followed by cremation. Donations to Harefield Heart Trust Fund, Harefield, Middlesex.

ASHTON - On Sunday April 12th, at Capel Court, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Reverend John Ashton, husband of Kathleen and father of Margaret. A Requiem Eucharist will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prestbury on Thursday April 16th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St. Mary's (Prestbury) Improvement Fund.

BARFORD - On April 11th 1987, in Guildford, Elizabeth, wife of Christopher, and mother of Jeremy, Hugh and Timothy. Funeral at St John's Church, Farnham Common, Bucks, at 2.15pm on Tuesday April 21st. Family flowers: gifts if wished to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Grosvenor Road, Chichester. PO19 2FP.

BARTLETT - On April 9th 1987, suddenly at home, Ernest James, aged 82. Funeral service at Chalwick New Cemetery on 21st April at 11.30am.

BICKERS - On April 7th 1987, Ernest Charles Victor, peacefully at Basildon Hospital. Formerly of 4 Briar Close, Billericay, Essex. Formerly employed by The Sunday Times, much loved husband of Emily, and a dear father to Maureen. The funeral will take place at Upminster crematorium at 12.00 noon on 14th April.

CADDICK - On Friday April 10th, Arthur Bruce Caddick, beloved husband of Peggy and father of Anne, David, Diana, Caroline and Duncan. Funeral 2.30pm on Thursday 16th April at Ludgvan Parish Church near Penzance.

CURLE - On April 12th 1987, peacefully at The Cottage Hospital, Jedburgh, after a short illness, Cecil Louisa Mowbray aged 86 years, beloved wife of the late Alexander Tancred Curle. Dearly loved mother of Christian Curtis and grandmother of Alexander, Roger and Norman. Cremation private. Funeral service in St John's Church, Jedburgh on Thursday 16th April at 12.00 noon to which all friends are invited.

DEWHURST - On April 11th 1987, at home in Brentwood, Essex, Elizabeth Munro (Betty) (née Didsbury), aged 71 years, beloved wife of the late Dr. Richard Dewhurst, dearly loved mother of Pamela, Peter, Sheena and William, grandma to Andrew, Christopher and Alexandra. Funeral service at Christ Church, Warley, on Wednesday April 22nd, at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Upminster. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The R.N.L.I., c/o Bennets of Brentwood.

DUGGAN - On April 10th 1987, suddenly at his home, Henry Brian K.H.S., T.D., aged 80 of Westerham, Kent, husband of the late Eileen Duggan, father of Harry and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church of St John the Baptist, Westerham on Tuesday 21st April at 11am followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I., c/o W.Hodges & Co, 37 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. Tel: 0732 454457. R.I.P.

FERRIS - On April 4th 1987, peacefully in the home of his loving brother, W.O.C. Ferris, Dallas, Texas. John Drake, beloved eldest son of the late Colonel W.A.T. Ferris I.A., and Mrs Ferris (née Muriel Drake of East Coker, Somerset). Remembered by the world he touched and especially by his youngest brother, R.C. Ferris.

GARLAND - On April 12th, peacefully Joseph, devoted friend and chauffeur to Major and Mrs Wills and family from 1935 - 1987.

HARPER - On April 10th, Minnie Ethel, aged 90, peacefully at Lee Croft Nursing Home, Caterham, Surrey, Formerly of New Malden, Surrey. Widow of the late George Alfred, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Cremation Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday April 22nd at 2.30pm Rita and Lynne Glover.

HART - On April 11th 1987, peacefully in his sleep, in The North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple, George Edmead, aged 85 years, of Beaufeu Cottage, North Street, Braunton, husband of Sheila (née Spain), father of Paddy, Robin, and Michael and grandfather. Formerly of Harrow, Lausanne, Switzerland, and Mytton Grove, Shrewsbury. Former Middlesex County cricketer, at Shrewsbury School, 1940 - 1964. Funeral will take place in The Parish Church of The Holy Trinity, Braunton, on Friday April 24th, at 2.00pm. Burial will follow in Braunton Churchyard. Further enquiries to W.S Gayton, Lauderdale, Bickington, Barnstaple. Tel:0271 42196.

HARVEY - On April 10th 1987, after a long illness Edna of Esher, beloved wife of Henry. Funeral service Tuesday 21st April at Randalls Park crematorium Chapel, Leatherhead at 2.00pm, followed by burial at Randalls Park. Flowers if desired to 108 High street, Esher or donations to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

HIGGINS - *On April 13th*, peacefully after a short illness, Janicke beloved mother of Sonia and Minda, much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation.

JARY - On April 11th 1987, Victor Neal Jary, peacefully in hospital. Beloved brother of Joan Messer. Councillor for Woodgreen and Hanging Jary 1951-1986. Deputy Mayor 1968-69. Funeral Friday 24th April 1987, 2.30pm, Enfield Crematorium. Great Cambridge Rd, Enfield. Flowers to W. Nodes, 15 Bounds Green Rd, N22. Donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Mayor St, London E8.

JONES - On March 31st, at The Belmont Hospital, Tiverton, Thomas Richard Kingsley (Jonah) aged 88 years, widower of Joan and father of Jack. Master at Blundells 1922 to 1959, a great sportsman, sadly missed.

KUNTZ-BOYLE - on April 13th KIL peacefully at his home, The Old Thetford Guest House, Thetford, Norfolk. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Littleport on Thursday April 16th at 4pm. Enquiries to David Turner Funeral Services, 15a Old Market Street, Thetford, Norfolk. Tel (0842) 61333

PARK - On April 12th, in Shrewsbury, Nancy. Much loved daughter of Judith and Martyn, sister of Mae, grand-daughter of Harry and Betty Eccleston.

PEARCE - On April 12th 1987, at peace, in the love of his family, Dr Ian Cuthbert Blissett. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Diss, April 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to New Approaches to Cancer, c/o Barclays Bank, Diss.

POTTER - On April 9th 1987, Mary, beloved wife of the late Gilbert, dearly loved mother of Sally and the late Suki and loving grandmother of Oliver, Yasmin, Faye, Sarah. Funeral service at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, at 12.30pm Wednesday April 22nd. Close friends and family only. Enquiries to S.E.Skinner & Sons, 146, Lewes Road, Brighton. Tel: (0273) 607446.

ROBERTS - On April 11th, after a short illness, Henry H.M. aged 62. Beloved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium Thursday April 16th at 2pm. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

SHARP - On Saturday April 11th, Edward Selkald, of Greywalls, Silverdale, Lancs, aged 82 years, The funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Borwick on Tuesday *21st April at 2.15pm. Family flowers* only.

SHEPHERD - On April 11th 1987, James Chapple of Potters Bar, Herts, aged 78 years, dear husband of Constance and elder son of the late James and Margaret Shepherd formerly of Aberdeen. All enquiries to Nethercott Funeral Directors. Tel: Potters Bar 52288.

SOUTH - On April 11th 1987, peacefully, at St. Stephen's Hospital, after a brief illness, Vera May, aged 79 years, widow of Charles, beloved sister of Stanley and the late Fred and aunt of Allan, Peter, Susan and the late Michael Quinn. Service at Putney Vale at 3.15pm. Thursday April 16th.

VACHELL - On April 13th 1987, peacefully at Dresden House, Hove, Maud Elsie, aged 97. Lovingly remembered by all her family and friends. Enquiries Lt. Attree & Kent Ltd, tel. 0273 698228.

WARLAND - On April 12th, peacefully Joseph, devoted friend and chauffeur to Major and Mrs Wills and family from 1935 - 1987.

WEST - On April 13th 1987, in Hereford, Dorothy (Brickie) aged 87, Widow of Dr E.M.B (Bill) West, late of Bulawayo.

WRIGHT - On April 11th, at Groby Rd Hospital, Leicester, Betty of Duffield, Derby. Beloved wife of Stephen and a dear mother and grandmother. Service at Duffield Parish Church, Thursday April 16th at 3.00pm followed by cremation. No flowers please, donations may be sent to the MacMillan Unit, Nightingale Home, London Rd, Derby.

WILLIAMS - On April 11th, Leonard, Dearly beloved father of Michael and Paul. Funeral St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Wednesday April 15th at 12 noon. Burial at Charlecote Village Church. Mass cards and flowers 81 Banbury Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon.

WYLIE - On April 7th 1987, in hospital in Salisbury, Philip John, dearly loved husband of Carol and much loved father of Sally, Bridget and John, and grandfather. The funeral has taken place. *Donations if desired*, to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Bank Buildings, Fulham Broadway, London SW6.

YORKE-HILL - On April 13th 1987, Austin Yorke-Hill O.B.E., aged 68 of Amberley, Stroud, Glos, much loved husband of Margaret and father of Vicky. Local funeral service at Holy Trinity Amberley. *No flowers but donations to Wycombe Imaging Appeal National Westminster Bank, Amersham HP6 5BU. Thanksgiving Service 4.30pm Monday 27th April* at St Mary and All Saint's, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HAWORTH - A Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Geoffrey Haworth will be held at St Oswalds Church, Lower Peover, on Monday April 27th at 12.00 noon. Enquiries to Dodgson's Funeral Service. Telephone: Knutsford (0565) 4251.

HOSALI - A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Nina Moli Hosali will take place at St. James's Church, Piccadilly on Wednesday 29th April 1987 at 3.pm.

PHALP - Geoffrey. A memorial service for Geoffrey Phalp CBE TD. Secretary to the King's Fund, 1968 to 1980, will be held at St. Augustine's Church, St Augustine's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham on Friday 22nd May 1987 at 11.30am.

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STERN - Eric F. In loving Memory April 15th 1968.

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STORRY/BERKELEY HILL - On April 15th 1937, at St. Mary's Church Kempsey, Jack Storry to Joan Berkeley Hill. Congratulations. R., A. & K.

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BAXTER, WILLIAM BAXTER late of 160 Warner Road, Walthamstow, London E17 died in Leytonstone, London E11 on 17th November 1985.

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HART, BRYAN HART late of RAMC, RAMC Training Centre, Mytchett, Hampshire died at Camden, London NW1 on 8th July 1986.

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KEMBALL, CONSTANCE MARY KEMBALL SPINSTER late of Meadis Hospital, Bath Road, Wells, Somerset, died there, 5th October 1985.

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MACKLAM formerly ROBSON nee WILLIAMS, FLORRIE MACKLAM otherwise FLORENCE JOY MACKLAM formerly FLORRIE ROBSON nee WILLIAMS, WIDOW late of St George's Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland, died there on 21st January 1986.

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ORCHARD, JOAN FRANCES AUGUSTA ORCHARD otherwise JOAN FRANCES ORCHARD, SPINSTER late of 460 Gloucester Road, Patchway, Bristol, Avon, died in Bristol on 19th August 1986.

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SMITHWICK, DAVID MALCOLM SMITHWICK otherwise MALCOLM DAVID SMITHWICK late of 5 Chapel Street, Ystrad, Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan, died there on 19th August 1986.

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WRIGHT, REGINALD WILLIAM WRIGHT late of 220 Arlington Road, Camden, London NW1, died there on 29th April 1985.

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FIELD - Patricia, widow of the late Robert B Field, wishes to thank most sincerely all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy, letters, cards, flowers and telephone calls received in her sudden and sad bereavement. 2 Caledonia Place, Scone, Perth.

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Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.50pm, Sat 5-7.20pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI:** Griff Rhys Jones as Brecht's gangster leader learning how to rule the world.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Sean Bean and Niamh Cusack are the young lovers in Michael Bogdanov's production set in Verona 1986.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Mon-Sat 7-10pm, matinee Thurs and Sat 2-5pm, £5.50-£12.

☆ **THE TOURIST GUIDE:** Intense emotional play about male and female in Greece by successful German playwright Botho Strauss.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm, £6-£7.

☆ **WHAT ABOUT LUV:** Marti Caine in the transfer of amusing musical version of Murray Schisgal's *Luv*. Three ill-matched lovers keep meeting on a New York bridge.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-9.35pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.20pm, Sat 4-5.50pm, £5-£10, until May 2.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** *Drury Lane Theatre Royal* (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** *Palace Theatre* (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Domineon Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Knuckle:** David *Hare's fast-moving private-eye* thriller, with Brian Capron, Joanna Hole and Ernest Clark.
Alexandra Theatre, Station Street (021 643 1231). Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm, £3-£6, *until* April 18.

EASTBOURNE: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Devonshire Park Theatre, Compton Street (0323 36363). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.30pm, Sat 5-7pm, until April 18.

LEEDS: ☆ **Torpedoes in the Jacuzzi:** Phil Young's new comedy revealing ambition and intrigue in West Yorkshire.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Mon and Tues 8-9.30pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£5.50, until May 2.

NORTHAMPTON: ☆ **Seesaw:** Helen Shapiro and Nicholas Bennett in a popular musical *expanded from the play Two for the Seesaw.*
Royal Theatre, 15 Guildhall Road (0604 32533/24811). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, matinée Thurs 2.30-4.50pm, £3-£6, *until April 25.*

RICHMOND: ☆ **King Lear:** Sir Anthony Quayle leads a strong cast close to London in Compass *Theatre's nationwide tour.*
Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green, Surrey (01-940 0088). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£8.50, until April 18.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** Doug Lucie's gripping and strongly cast study of corruption of loyalties in a PR agency.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0783 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £6-£7.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☆ **Advance booking possible**

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town *being violently ripped apart. With* Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☆ *Gate Cinema (01-727 4043).* Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55.
☆ *Lumiere* (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☆ *Screen on the Hill* (01-435 3366). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): *Transatlantic romance* between Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft), book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). *David Jones directs (99 min).*
☆ *Curzon Mayfair* (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **THE FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR (U):** *Joey Cramer as* the boy navigator for a distant planet's space flights (90 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.00, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.00, 8.15.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.20, 300, 5.25, 7.50.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.
☆ *Odeon Kensington* (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.35, 4.50, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, 8.30.

HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG): Mild parody of the *haunted house* genre, with Gene Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion, and Dom DeLuise in drag (83 min).
☆ *Leicester Square Theatre* (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ **OVER THE TOP (PG):** Perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck driver who tries to get to know his neglected son (93 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.
☆ *Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 4.05.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35.
☆ *Warner West End* (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35.

PERSONAL SERVICES (18): Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, *inspired by the life of Cynthia* Payne, stars Julie Walters. Not for the easily offended (105 min).
☆ *Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 1310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☆ *Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue* (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.
☆ *Plaza Lower Regent Street* (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☆ *Screen on the Green* (01-226 3520). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50.

■ **STAND BY ME (15):** The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959. The soundtrack is decorated *with period pop tunes.* Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.*
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

THE VOYAGE HOME — STAR TREK IV (PG): The Enterprise team star in another slick fantasy. Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min.)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). *Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.15.
☆ *Cannon Fulham Road* (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.00, 8.15.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.20, 3.00, 5.25, 7.50.
☆ *Empire Leicester Square* (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	Let It Be, Ferry Aid	The Sun/Zeebrugge Sire
2	(3)	La Isla Bonita Remix, Madonna	King Jay/WB
3	(5)	Lean On Me, Club Nouveau	Orbitone
4	(14)	Can't Be With You Tonight, Judy Boucher	Breakout/A&M
5	(4)	Let's Wait Awhile, Janet Jackson	Supreme
6	(2)	Respectable, Mel & Kim	CBS
7	(7)	If You Let Me Stay, Terence Trent D'Arby	Island
8	(5)	With Or Without You, U2	London
9	(10)	Ever Fallen In Love, Fine Young Cannibals	Chrysalis
10	(23)	Living In A Box, Living In A Box	

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Now That's What I Call Music 9, Various	Virgin
2	(-)	Rain Dancing, Alison Moyet	CBS
3	(2)	The Joshua Tree, U2	Island
4	(-)	Electric, The Cult	Beggars Banquet
5	(7)	Move Closer, Various	CBS
6	(3)	Running In The Family, Level 42	Polydor
7	(9)	Graceland, Paul Simon	CBS
8	(5)	Men And Women, Simply Red	WEA
9	(4)	Sign Of The Times, Prince	Paisley Park/WB
10	(6)	The Circus, Erasure	Mute

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CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **TELEMANN CONTINUES:** In their series devoted to Telemann's *Der harmonische Gottesdienst* the Lecosakli Ensemble reach Cantata No 20, *Schaut die Demut Palmen tragen*, and also play a C minor Recorder Sonata by Handel.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566). 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **MUSIC FOR THE PASSION:** Petronella Dittmer (soprano) and Joyce Jarvis (contralto) with Richard Coulson (organ) perform extracts from Bach's *St Matthew Passion* and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater.*
St Martin's-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054) 1.15-1.45pm, free.



Tonight at the Wigmore Hall the Lindsay String Quartet plays Mozart chamber works in the first concert of the Stefan Zweig series, organised by the British Library with associated exhibitions and lectures. On April 29 the Hilliard Ensemble gives the United Kingdom premier, 316 years after its composition, of Schutz's *Die Schwanengesang*, and on May 5, still at the Wigmore Hall, the distinguished mezzo Christa Ludwig sings Schubert, Wolf, Mahler, Debussy, Berg. Music lovers think of Zweig (above left) chiefly as librettist of Richard Strauss's *Die schweigsame Frau*, but he was a prolific writer in other fields and a very successful collector of musical autographs. In the British Library Galleries at the British Museum an exhibition of outstanding items from the Zweig collection runs until May 31. This includes Mozart's thematic catalogue of his own output, the famous *Verzeichnis aller meine Werke* (above right), the manuscript scores of the pieces being performed this evening, and some of the songs that Christa Ludwig will sing next month. There is also a subsidiary exhibition at the Wigmore Hall. Among the lectures in the British Museum Lecture Theatre one by Michael Kennedy on April 21 looks especially promising: "Zweig, Strauss, The Silent Wife and Hitler." Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£6.
Max Harrison

EVENING

☆ **VERDI REQUIEM:** The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Chorus and soloists under Martin Turnovsky.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051 709 3789). 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£6.50.

☆ **DAVIES/BBC SO:** Reger's *Variationen und Fuge über ein lustiges Thema von Hiller Op 100* is followed by Schoenberg's Piano Concerto (soloist Alfred Brendel. Dennis Russell Davies conducts).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-982 8800). 7.30-9.15pm, £2-£11.

☆ **HARVEY'S FORMS:** The New London Chamber Choir go for a nice contrast as they juxtapose Gesualdo's *Tenebrae Responsories* for Good Friday with Jonathan Harvey's exciting *Forms of Emptiness.*
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£4.50.

☆ **ENGLISH GUITARS:** The English Guitar Quartet play music by Purcell, Prokofiev, Handel, and three of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances.
Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester (0243 774557). 7.30-10pm, £6 (including wine).

☆ **ORION/MENUHIN:** The Orion/Menuhin Violin Competition Gala Concert has this year's first prize winner, 16 year-old Elisabeth Grass from West Germany, soloing in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Sir Yehudi also conducts the ECO in Schubert's Symphony No 5 and Mozart's Symphony No 40.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£17.50.

☆ **HOMAGE TO HEITOR:** LSO pays tribute to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Heitor Villa-Lobos with a programme that includes his Fantasia for Saxophone and Orchestra (soloist, John Harle).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.45-9.30pm, £3-£6.

ROCK

☆ **COMMUNARDS/RUBY TURNER/TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY:** Anti-Apartheid benefit *concert. Jimmy Somerville's high* pitched, piercing vocal is less painful when it is administered in the context of a worthy cause; to enjoy the muscular soul of both *Turner and current hot-shot D'Arby* requires no such anaesthetic.
Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212). 8pm, £4-£9.

☆ **MICHAEL MCDONALD:** Ex-Doobie Brothers singer/songwriter whose recent solo successes include "Ya Mo B There", "On My Own", with Patti Labelle, and a lengthy residency in the album chart with *Sweet Freedom — The Best of Michael McDonald.*
Odeon Hammersmith, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081). 7.30pm, £8.50.

☆ **MICHELLE SHOCKED:** Texan singer/writer of buoyant acoustic folk songs brings a different theme and guest musicians to each of her London performances.
Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-837 8270). 8pm, £4.

☆ **SPEAR OF DESTINY:** Kirk Brandon's come-back tour with a new line-up that includes Steve and Pete Barnacle.
Rock City, 8 Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412544). 8pm, £5.

☆ **JULIAN COPE:** Quirky and former Teardrop Explodes vocalist who has enjoyed success recently with the hit single "Trampoline".
Mayfair, Newgate Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091 232 3109). 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **MILLIE JACKSON:** Soul singer who made little progress until 1974's *Caught Up*, a live album that yielded the hit single "(It Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right".
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544/728557). 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

JAZZ

☆ **JEROME RICHARDSON:** Skilled saxophonist and flautist, best *known for his work in the Sixties* with the Jones-Lewis Orchestra and Mingus's *Black Saint* band.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476). 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **LEW TABACKIN:** Another saxophonist who made his name with Thad Jones and Mel Lewis. *Tabackin went on to co-lead a big* band with the pianist Toshiko Akiyoshi. Tonight he appears with John Williams's quartet.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722). 9.30pm, £6.

☆ **BILL BRUFORD'S EARTHWORKS:** Teaming up with *brilliant young jazz musicians* Django Bates, Iain Ballamy and Mick Hutton is proving to be a move as rewarding as it was courageous for the former Yes and *King Crimson drummer.*
Co-op Arts Theatre, George Street, Nottingham (0602 419741). 7.30pm, £3.50.

OPERA

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's austere Mozart production with William Shimell returning to the title role and Roger Norrington in the pit.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10.20pm. £2-£18.50.

★ **CARMEN:** Kent Opera's traditional but colourful production with Anne-Marie Mühle in the title role.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Norwich (0603 628205). 7.15-10.15pm. £4.50-£12.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera production (see caption).
Derngate, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811). 7.30 10.20pm, £4-£12.50.

★ **BARBER OF SEVILLE:** Giles *Havergal's harum-scarem* production for Welsh National Opera, conducted by Gyorgy Fischer.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444). 7.15-10.20pm, £5-£19.



Marilyn Hill-Smith as Rose Maybud in Gilbert and Sullivan's mock-melodrama *Ruddigore*. The New Sadler's Wells Opera production production by Ian Judge is witty, handsome and strongly cast and restores words and music cut by G and S after the *disastrous opening night 100* years ago. The show was criticised for overstepping the boundaries of good taste and even the title was changed, from the original *Ruddygore*, for the sake of respectability.

DANCE

★ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Guest star Merrill Ashley is partnered by Roland Price to open Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's short London season.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, £1 (bad view)-£23.50.

☆ **ATHENS-LONDON-BARCELONA:** Greek choreographers Angela Lyras and Denise Perdikides bring their companies to London for the first time.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031). 8-9.45pm, £5.

★ **CARMEN:** A high-powered cast from *London Festival Ballet gives* Roland Petit's dance drama and new works by Kevin Haigen and Ulysses Dove.
Theatre Royal, Cleiketgate, Lincoln (0522 25555). 7.30-10pm, £2.75-£3.75.

GALLERIES

ART FROM EUROPE: This fourth show in a controversial series of annual exhibitions of so-called New Art features eight artists under the age of 45 from Germany and Holland.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm. Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until June 21.

THE SAINSBURY WING: The long-awaited unveiling of designs for the gallery's overdue extension which, hopefully, will this time bear no resemblance to either a fire station or a monstrous carbuncle.
The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until May 10.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN: Eight painted sculptures made from *crushed motor cars by a* persevering Pop artist.
Fabian Carlsson Gallery, 160 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-409 0619). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 16.

LIDA AND ZIKA ASCHER: Show of fabrics from a fashion house who employed the century's great *artists as designers.*
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm (closed Fri), Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until June 14.

KEITH VAUGHAN (1912-1977): Works in all media by a neo-romantic figurative artist popular in the 1950s whose star is rising again.
New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, Barnes, London SW13 (01-748 8850). Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until April 25.

SCULPTURE AND SCULPTOR'S DRAWINGS: Constructionists Nigel Hall and Michael Kenny and woodsman David Nash are the contributors in this interesting marriage of artists.
Juda Rowan Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 5517). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 16.

PETER FREETH: Accomplished aquatints depicting heads and cityscapes which make the control of a notoriously difficult process look easy.
Christopher Mendez, 58 Jermyn Street. London SW1 (01-491 0015). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free.

TALKS

ACADEMIES OF ART IN MID-EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LONDON: Lecture by Brian Allen of the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, as part of a series in conjunction with the Bodylines exhibition.
National Gallery (Lower Floor Lecture Theatre), Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

ARCHAEOLOGY OF MIDDLE SAXON LONDON: Talk by Bob Cowie of the Department of Greater London Archaeology. Organized by the Islington Archaeology and History Society.
Camden Head, Camden Passage, London N1 (info 01-253 6644/01-226 3962), 8pm, 50p.

WALKS

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — FLEET STREET: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TREASURES AND TRIVIA OF MAYFAIR AND ST JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 11am, £2.

BRITISH MUSEUM — HIGHLIGHTS: meet main steps of the museum, 2pm, £2.50.

DR JOHNSON'S LONDON: *meet* Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS — POOR ALLEYS AMID WEALTH: *meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.*

OTHER EVENTS

PROVINCIAL BOOKSELLERS FAIR: Antiquarian and second hand books, maps, prints.
The Assembly Rooms, Chichester. 10am-4pm, 20p.

FAMILY EVENTS AT THE NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOLOGICAL MUSEUMS: Lecture about bats by acknowledged authority Dr Tony Hutson at the Natural History Museum (20p); film — Learning About Rocks — (1.15pm) followed by illustrated lecture — What is this Rock (3pm) at the Geological Museum.
Natural History Museum and Geological Museum, South Kensington, London SW7. Natural History Museum - adult £2, child 5-15 £1, under-fives free. Geological Museum, adult £1, child 5-15 50p, under-fives free.

QUICKSILVER THEATRE FOR CHILDREN: Workshops for three to five-year-old children using drama and imagination to gain new knowledge of everyday objects and activities.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (01-328 8626). Today and tomorrow 10am and 11am. Telephone for place availability, 50p per session.

COLLEGE: Buster Keaton classic for young audiences, about survival and triumph in a school dominated by sports and sportsmen. *Daily throughout the Easter holidays.*
ICA Childrens Cinema Club, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), 3pm, adult £3, child £1.50, until April 24.

TAPE—SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: The life of St Thomas of Canterbury (12.30pm). Medieval gospel books (2pm).
British Library, Seminar Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1. (01-636 1544), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY FESTIVAL: Eighth festival highlights include Bulava Ukrainian Cossack Dancers, medieval pageant at Caeraverock Castle with Sealed Knot, and performances by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Theatre Co-Op, the Northern Black *Light Theatre. Artistes include Pam* Ayres and Robert Ponsonby. Also folk ceilidhs, jazz and ragtime, and dancing with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra. May 22-June 1. *Advance postal booking from today.*
Gracefield Arts Centre, 28 Edinburgh Road, Dumfries. General booking from May 1.

MARILYN HORNE: Recital of songs by Vivaldi, Rossini, Copland, Beethoven; with Martin Katz at the *piano. June 5. Postal booking* open. Personal/phone from May 1.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA: Postal booking for UK visit, with performances of *Serenade* by Russian choreographer George Balanchine, and *Alice, a new ballet* by Glen Tetley, inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland.* June 30-July 4.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) from May 18.

LAST CHANCE

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN: Optimistic exhibition by Rock Townsend designed to show how architects can initiate and manage urban regeneration. Ends today.
Royal Institute of British Architecture, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533).

REAL ARCHITECTURE: Recently completed classical buildings designed by Robert Adam, Francis Johnson, *Leon Krier, John Redmill,* John Simpson and Quinlan Terry. Ends today.
Building Centre, 26 Store Street, London WC1 (01-637 1022).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: Paul Henderson; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Jane Rackham; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Tom 7.45 ORION/MENUHIN VIOLIN COMPETITION.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm BBC SO Dennis Russell Davies Alfred Brendel. Reger Variations and Fugue on a Theme of J.A. Hiller Schoenberg Piano Concerto. Ravel La Valse

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tom't 7.00 Don Giovanni. Tomor 7.30 Simon Boccanegra

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911 Sadly into 836 6903 S CC Tickets £1.25 90 mins before 22-25 April. RICHARD II from 30 April.

THE PIT tom't 7.30 SARCOPHAGUS by Vladimir Galaktyon. COUNTRY DANCING by Noel Williams returns 22-25 April. WORLDS APART by Jose Triana from 29 April.

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THE ARTS

Bizarre therapy

If you are involved in a sex scandal in this country, you turn to doing good works or back to writing books. In America you go into "full-time therapy" — or such is the fate of Jim Bakkers, the hugely successful television evangelist recently toppled from his position as president of the "People that Love" ministry by the revelation of an affair.

That saga came too late to be any more than a bizarre footnote to Antony Thomas's superb film (the first of a pair) *Thy Kingdom Come* (Central), which showed us the unctuous Bakkers in complacent form,

TELEVISION

exploring his grotesque million-dollar Christian theme-park (complete with Christian talking dolls and rewritten fairy-tales), and money-raising pleas both from a severely handicapped 18-year-old, retained (as he cheerfully admitted) to do spots on television shows when they needed money, and from Bakkers's tearful wife, mascara awash.

Nobody ever lost money underestimating the desperate need of the American people for reassurance. The television evangelists are netting billions by providing certainty in a world of doubt, and by attacking liberals, lefties, socialists and gays in one grand assertion of traditional decent values which may yet put an evangelist in the White House. But the edifice is built on money, money and more money, and that — along with their ratings — gives the evangelists their power.

It was a chilling picture, put together calmly and almost with compassion by Thomas's persistently inquiring cameras. It was good to start not with the exploiters but with those eloquent people for whom being "born again" had provided some answer to alcoholism, drugs or just the grind of everyday life. But the sinister shadow appeared in the shape of those political activists who are mobilizing television Christians for their own far-right ends.

It is the two-way conversation of television pledging that makes it so attractive to the lonely and neglected. But the data thus built up on millions of Americans can now be used for political mailings by ultra-conservatives. These men know what they are up to, and it says a lot for the quiet persuasiveness of Thomas's approach that they revealed as much on film. And the fundamentalists are already framing the debate on America's future with a deadly sophistication that the odd sex-scandal will scarcely dislodge. Do not on any account miss the sequel to this compelling film next Tuesday.

William Holmes

Subtle grandeur built on rock

OPERA

John Higgins witnesses Herbert von Karajan's 'definitive' version of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* opening the Salzburg Easter Festival



Poise, swank, fierce good looks and breeding: Samuel Ramey's Giovanni with Kathleen Battle's delightful Zerlina

The *Don Giovanni* which has just opened Salzburg's Easter Festival should be Herbert von Karajan's definitive statement on Mozart's opera, although with Karajan there are no certainties. It has been a long time in planning, beginning with the DG recording (419 179-2 on CD) which was issued last year. And now that it has come to the stage with one change in the cast — Julia Varady replaces Agnes Baltsa as Elvira — it is clearly built to last, with massive black sets by Mauro Pagano that slide across the expanses of the Large Festspielhaus as silently as thieves in the night. After Easter this *Giovanni* goes into storage until it reappears in the Summer Festival. And doubtless it will still be there for the Mozart bicentennial in 1991.

So a little weight is in order. And that is precisely what Karajan and his director, Michael Hampe, provide, coupled with some of the most exquisitely coloured playing that the Berlin Philharmonic have ever delivered for their lord and master. Curiously, Karajan has never before conducted a Mozart opera at the Salzburg Easter Week, which is reckoned with good reason to be his private festival. His *Giovanni* inflates and deflates like some finely operated musical lung, sometimes reducing the opera to chamber-music proportions before enlarging it to cosmic size. At the close Giovanni is taken off, in one of Hampe's best inventions, not to a fiery hell but to a firmament of chill planets as the orchestra exclaims its terror. Roasting below might even be preferable to existing in such an icy world apart.

Karajan knows exactly what he wants and this is an account of the last days — or perhaps it is hours — of an aristocratic lecher in his prime, secure in his prowess and in his noble rank, contemptuous of everyone and everything unlucky enough to get in his way. Until of course that other world summons. Samuel Ramey's Giovanni has poise, fierce good looks and breeding: this is an interpretation in the Siepi mould, glamorous and with bags of swank. Away with the commentators who suggest Giovanni was near the end of his sexual strength! Ramey has the ability, given to few contemporary Giovannis, to rap out the misnamed "Champagne Aria" with exhilaration and then find the *bella voce* for the Serenade in the next act. What is missing at the moment is colour in the recitatives, and there is too a certain holding back in the ensembles. Both faults could well be corrected by the time summer comes around.

Colour lessons are there at hand and available from Ferruccio Furlanetto's Leporello. The Italian baritone is little known in Britain, although he did appear at Glyndebourne at the start of his career. That should be rectified as soon as possible. For once there is a Leporello who is almost a match for his master in all senses of the term. Leporello can stand in for Giovanni when required, by a change of hat and cloak, and for once the Act II disguises make sense rather than being a mere theatrical charade. It is nowhere better illustrated than in the graveyard meeting where both men scale the wall separately and hide behind its rim while the rakes and pitchforks of the Masetto gang pass in silhouette against the skyline.

They are birds of a feather; only the station in life is different. Furlanetto's baritone, eminently flexible, is lighter in timbre than Ramey's bass-baritone, but beyond that there is no reason why they should not switch roles. And perhaps one day they will. Furlanetto's extrovert qualities could make him an interesting Giovanni.

Hampe's touch with his lecherous pair is sure, but less so with some of the other characters, who seem pygmies before the glittering marble balconies and staircases that fill the stage and then part to give a glimpse of the rooftops of Seville — or Sorrento as their architecture rather suggests. (Some of Pagano's perspectives are decidedly odd, including the arrival of Elvira's coach some way above street level, but he has at least made an effort to conquer those wide open spaces of the Festspielhaus.)

Anna Tomowa-Sintow's Donna Anna is less impressive on stage than on record, establishing little personality and finding "Non mi dir" a considerable strain — Karajan's tempo for the aria was slow enough to send lesser sopranos into total distraction. Gösta Windbergh's Ottavio also failed to achieve much presence in a performance which ranged between some ravishing pianissimi in "Dalla sua pace" and a lack of both vigour and Mozartian line in "Il mio tesoro".

No such complaints can be laid before Julia Varady's vibrant Elvira, coping easily with the multiple elephant-traps of "Mi tradi", or Paata Burchuladze's monumental Commendatore, although it was strange that so powerful a figure bred so indecisive a daughter. Masetto and Zerlina are moved rather above their usual peasant status — no rustic ribaldry or guffaws in this distinctly non-*giocosa* approach to *Giovanni*. Kathleen Battle's Zerlina, nimble of voice and foot, is a delight and one to recall Reri Grist in her prime. Alexander Malta's Masetto was equally assured and kept his truculence under control.

The first-night audience included Carlo Maria Giulini paying his first visit to an opera-house, other than as a conductor of course, for more years than he cared to remember. The following evening his Bruckner 8 had the same majesty and vigour as Karajan's *Giovanni*. With these two septuagenarians at the helm there is no orchestra to rival the Berlin Philharmonic.

● The second performance of *Don Giovanni* closes the festival on Easter Monday.

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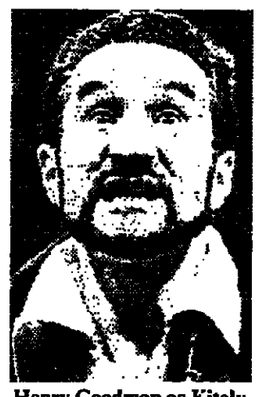
Every Man in his Humour
Mermaid

The second play to be transferred from the RSC's Stratford season at the Swan is this early Ben Jonson piece (reviewed by Irving Wardle at its opening last year). Efforts are regularly made to attract the theatre-going public to Jonson's lesser-known plays, but this unexpectedly flat production by John Caird provides a lengthy evening. The fizz has gone from the bottle.

The play is among the first of the city comedies, as contemporary in its time as *Serious Money* in ours, mocking the affectations of the day but giving the public a happy ending to take home. Twits and braggarts are set up as targets to be sneered at by the wiser and better bred.

One of these worthies is Young Kno'well, who also gets the girl and could be played as an insufferable prig, but by giving him courtesy, even a hint of regret that fools should be so crazy, Simon Russell Beale has presented him as a respectable anchor round which the others float. There is the inevitable pop-injay putting on airs, the poetaster who copies other men's ballads, the angry man and boastful Captain Bobadill, a part much loved by actors. As played in this production it is possible, just, to see why.

Pete Postlethwaite has something of the restless hand-gestures and turkey-like nodding of Michael Hordern, but there is a scruffy earthiness that is his own and he has



Henry Goodman as Kitely, bringing the show to life

a fine ear for judging a pause to build a laugh. Yet even he has to work hard to find humour in all Bobadill's batty self-praise.

The production makes the expected use of the Mermaid's new gallery and staircases, from which the cast stride on at top speed, quarrelling at the top of their voices as if to give a forward thrust to the occasion by noise if nothing else.

In the portrayal of Kitely, the jealous merchant doubting his wife and then doubting his doubts, production and play do come flaming into life. Jonson's writing here is packed with colloquial breaks and changes of course, the very truth of fidgety thought, and it is joyous to see Henry Goodman express this anxiety, his voice trembling and eyes bulging in panic. Some valiant playing is visible elsewhere, but often the heart sinks when a character sits down because it will further delay the end of another unexciting scene.

Jeremy Kingston

The Greatest Story Ever Told
Tricycle

Given its past attachment to British imperial history, the Bible and the works of Wagner, there were grounds for fearing that the National Theatre of Brent might have fallen foul of the town hall during the two years since its last production. All such fears are dispelled by this new show, in which the NToB resumes its task of upholding the highest traditions of municipal uplift.

Like its "prequel" *The Messiah*, this 80-minute epic delivers the Christian message as apprehended by the citizens of Brent; or at least by two of them — Desmond Oliver Dingle (alias Patrick Barlow) and his willing, if theatrically inexperienced, partner Wallace (Jim Broadbent). As befits the founder of the company, Dingle gets to play Jesus and the narrator; not to mention an overweight Bird of Time that bursts with some difficulty through Nigel Lowery's antique polystyrene masonry, swishing a plumed tail that has a life of its own.

Thanks to Wallace, everything else is there as well, beginning with a God the Father (who will be quite good once He has got over His first-night nerves) and a briefcase-carrying John the Baptist who puts the Nazarene applicant through a brisk questionnaire before deluging him with locusts and wild honey.

Along the way, Wallace encompasses the roles of the Virgin Mary, the Devil, crowds, angels, the Roman army, one sick of the palsy, and all the disciples, including one Nathaniel with whom he closely identifies. "There's an idea I'd like to share with the group", Nathaniel remarks, aggrieved that nobody listens to his suggestions. Wallace develops a parallel grievance, noticing that Dingle gets the costumes as well as the star role; and, that when he does get a chance to play the "radical" Christ in his old suit, it is only so that the overweening Dingle can enter as a gorgeously robed Pharisee and an armour-plated Pilate.

It remains to be said that, in spite of the brevity of Martin Duncan's production, there is always time for digressions, including a tongue-twisting lineage of Christ and the conversion of the auditorium into Roman galley-slaves lashed into action from the gallery ("Row, row, you Macedonian scum!"). Also, wherever the joke lies, it is not at the expense of the Gospels. On the cross, Christ promises Mary a crown of stars; to which, after a pause, Wallace (in a blue headscarf) replies "Thank you". It is not what she would have chosen. The line has the full force of a *pietà*.

Irving Wardle

CONCERTS

BBC Singers/ Joly/Mikulka
St John's/Radio 3

A flavour of Spain and Latin America infused much of the BBC's lunchtime concert on Monday in a programme divided between songs for unaccompanied chorus and works for solo guitar. This attractive contrast of musical character was skilfully planned as an hour of diverting listening, venturing to some unfamiliar byways, and can be heard again as a Radio 3 broadcast next Sunday morning.

Its centrepiece, appropriately for Holy Week, was a setting of the *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by the Argentinian Alberto Ginastera, who died in 1983. Simon Joly conducted the BBC Singers in an expressive, warmly-blended texture for the three choruses, which date from 1946. They combine a melodic word-setting of sophisticated folk-style and harmonic colour in the verbal questioning with some sense of liturgical feeling for the closing "Recordare, Domine".

The choir began with Debussy's Three Songs of Charles d'Orléans, in which simplicity and sophistication are more delicately balanced. The performance was apt to their quality, as much in the subtle harmony of the first song as in the keen attack of the last. In the final choral contribution, of two songs by Aaron Copland, a syncopated greeting to the dawning day in "*Lark*" led to "Los Agachadas" as an exuberant party celebration with voices imitating the strumming of guitars.

Between the choruses the guitar itself became a virtuoso instrument of considerable style under the fingers of Vladimir Mikulka, a Czech who now makes his home in Paris. He first followed the Debussy songs with Falla's evocative *Homenaje à Debussy* of 1920, and quiet attention was needed to pick up the variants of tone-colour that were contained within a steady musical pulse.

"Do not come too close or the poetry will disappear" was a guiding principle for Segovia, and I was reminded of it again in the more delicate passages of an unrelated Prelude and Study by Villa-Lobos. In the *Elogio de la danza* by the Cuban Leo Brouwer, however, the melodic flourishes punctuated by taps on the wood of the guitar were assertive and rhetorical rather than poetic.

Noël Goodwin

Finnish fantasies

Endymion
St John's

The spate of Finnish musical events continues. In recent years interest has tended to focus on large-scale works, such as the operas of Kokkonen and Sallinen, now widely recognized outside their native country, but there is a mass of activity among contemporary composers writing in more modest forms, as this concert by the Endymion Ensemble soon made clear.

Aarre Merikanto's Concerto for violin, clarinet, horn and string sextet of 1924 claims to be the first Finnish work for mixed chamber ensemble. If that is true, it suggests the tradition began at a high point, for this is music eager to pack in new ideas, while still retaining a link with the past in the compellingly oppressive atmosphere of its slow movement.

It is a long way from that dense and rich polyphonic style to the most recent composers. Indeed, the best of Erik Bergman's *Silence and Eruptions* explores an "imaginative representation of silence" with nothing more than isolated strands of sound in a void. So fastidious is its handling of effects that the music almost recalls the sound-world of Lutoslawski.

It was probably no coincidence that the same clarity of texture was also to be heard in *Zona* by Magnus Lindberg. Yet, where the Bergman managed to suggest a definite sense of direction, this most recent piece under the direction of John Whitfield quite failed to give the listener a clear idea of why one musical idea should follow another.

There seems no reason to suppose that the playing of the Endymion Ensemble was any less accurate or spirited in these new works than it was in the more traditional Merikanto under Ulf Söderblom. But why did the waits between the items have to be so long, dousing any enthusiasm and dragging the concert out to a full two and a half hours?

Richard Fairman

Philharmonia/ Atherton
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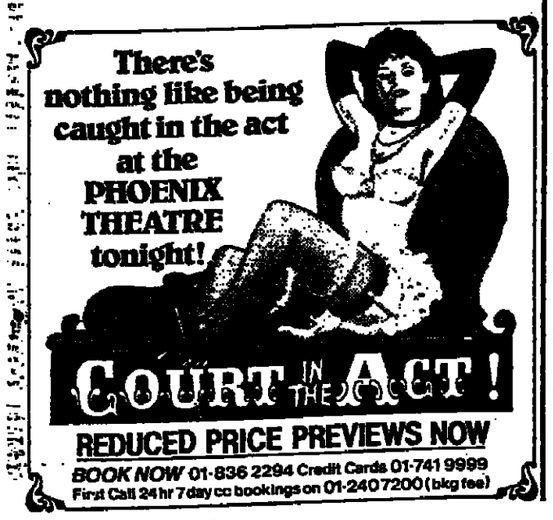
In the second of two concerts that Esa-Pekka Salonen was compelled to cancel because of illness, the Philharmonia Orchestra was fortunate to obtain David Atherton to conduct the programme unchanged. It was fortunate because Mr Atherton was able to show his considerable sympathy for the richness of romantic music that made up the bulk of the programme as well as for the lucid clarity of purpose he brought to Witold Lutoslawski's *Mi-parti* at the start of it.

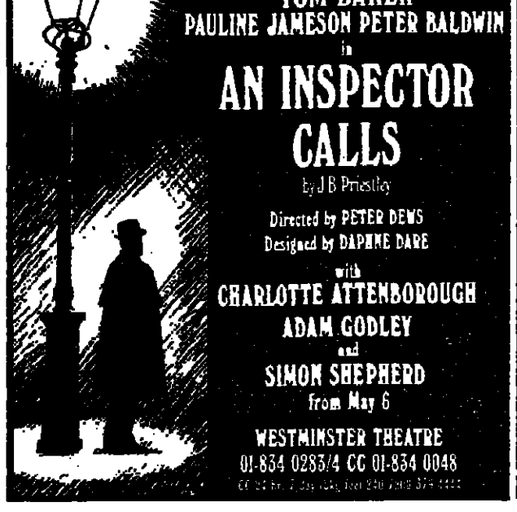
This is a work which, like many others, is better absorbed in performance than analyzed beforehand. The fact that its French title refers to the music's subtle balance between "strict" and "free" methods of notation is merely a device of presenting bold strokes of instrumental colour in different ways, some in isolation from each other, some worked together in textures of powerful density. In the space of about 15 minutes we travel through a sound tapestry that continues on from Debussy and Bartók.

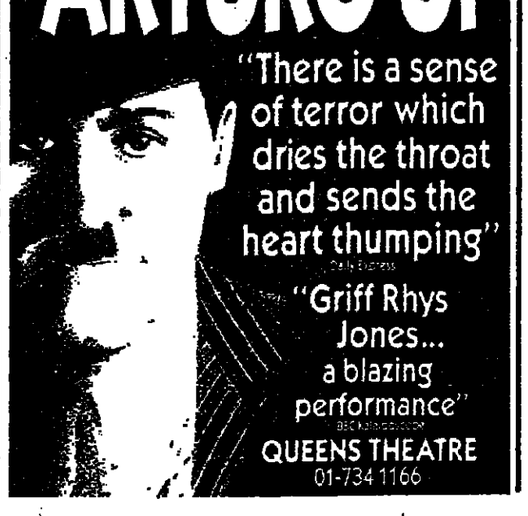
The performers took cogent account of its strength of personal imagination, as they also did of the equally personal statement made by Sibelius in the romantic guise of his First Symphony. There was some effectively rough-hewn playing here, exuberant in impetus, volatile and declamatory, and without the accretion of false sentiment that has been squeezed from the symphony in the past. Only some added grace of phrasing would have improved its character.

Such grace was abundant in the fine-drawn line and agile flexibility that Cho-liang Lin brought to the G minor Violin Concerto by Bruch. If it did not have quite the passionate commitment to be heard on his recent gramophone record of it, this gifted Taiwanese artist can nevertheless charm as well as scintillate, and in making his case for such familiar music his skill and persuasion were greatly enjoyable.

N.G.









EEC bid to bring UK tax in line

From Richard Owen
Brussels

EEC officials yesterday confirmed that the European Commission was drawing up a draft proposal on VAT rates intended to bring Britain into line with other EEC states by making it lift zero ratings on food, books, children's clothes and other items. But despite their confirmation, they accused "certain British politicians" of using a domestic election period to force a debate prematurely as "our proposal does not even exist yet".

The planned move would also put pressure on Ireland, which like Britain is an odd man out over some VAT ratings. For example, in Italy zero ratings apply to newspapers and pasta and in Belgium to newspapers. In Ireland, however, exemptions apply to animal feeds and fertilizers and in Britain to some 40 items ranging from food and fuel to drugs, certain types of caravan, construction materials, protective boots and radios for the blind.

Lord Cockfield, the Commissioner for the Internal Market and Britain's senior EEC commissioner, is determined to harmonize EEC tax regulations as part of the Community's drive to tear down internal barriers to trade and eliminate "artificial trade distortions".

The EEC, including Britain, is committed to achieving a full internal market in Europe without trade barriers by 1992. Lord Cockfield, however, complains that the target date is slipping and urgent harmonizing measures are needed.

The harmonizing scheme is opposed vehemently by Labour Euro MPs, who say it is "wicked" and must be nipped in the bud.

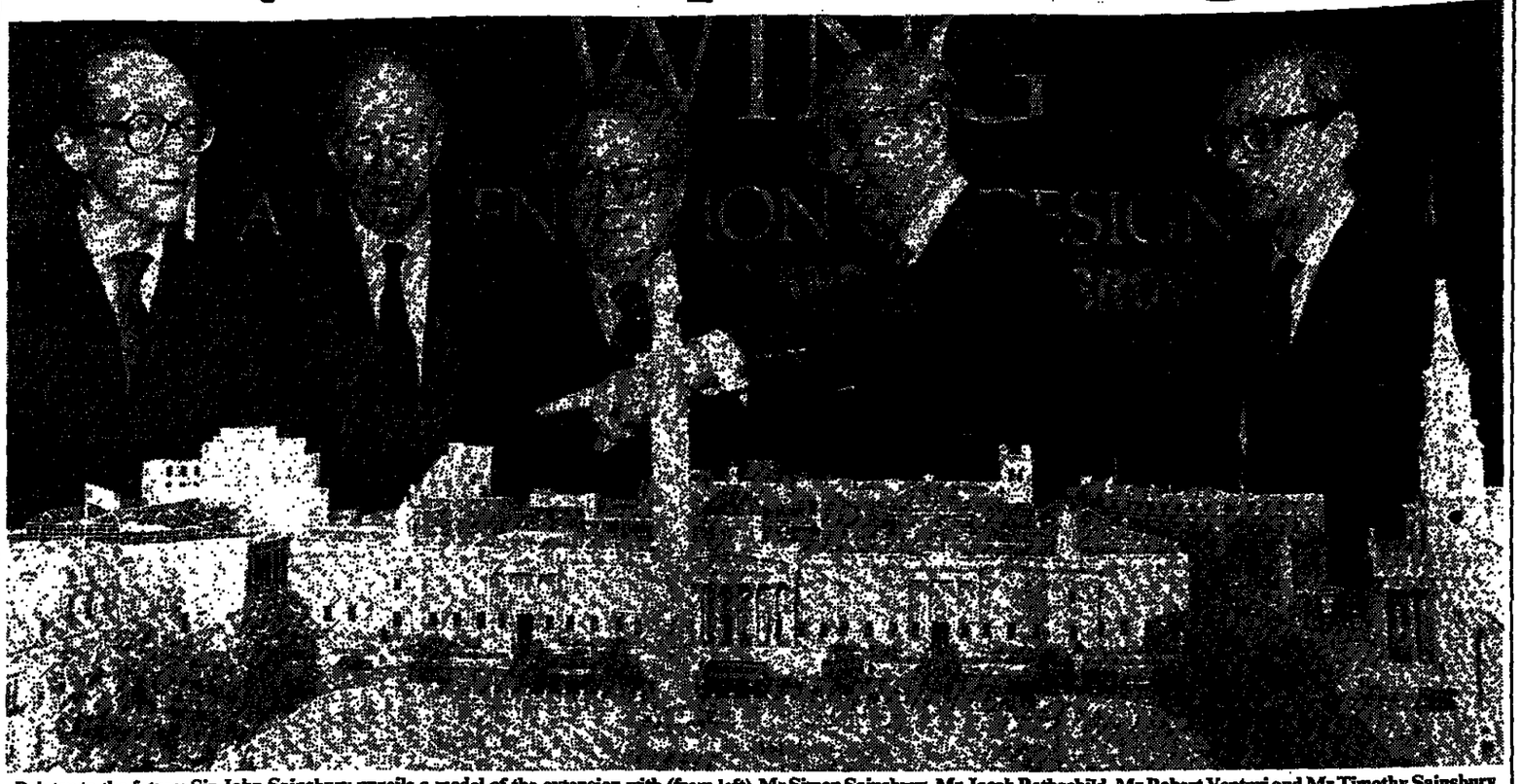
Under the Cockfield scheme a differentiated band of VAT rates would be devised, with a rate of between 3 and 6 per cent levied on food. The proposal would have to be approved by the EEC Council of Ministers, but according to officials, it is too early for it to go to the council.

VAT zero rating is where VAT is not charged at the point of consumption but is "reimbursed at previous stages of production". Under the Commission's definition, it is only permitted in the EEC "until such time as all fiscal frontiers within the Community are abolished".

Yesterday the Commission censured Ireland and Denmark for imposing restrictions on cross-border shoppers taking advantage of day trips for tax-free bargains.

Lord Cockfield said Dublin and Copenhagen were violating EEC law by not allowing free movement across frontiers and equal competition between businesses. He said that unless they were able to provide a satisfactory explanation for the restrictions within one month, they would be taken to the European Court of Justice and made to remove cross-border shopping barriers.

Gallery extension praised for originality



Pointer to the future: Sir John Sainsbury unveils a model of the extension with (from left) Mr Simon Sainsbury, Mr Jacob Rothschild, Mr Robert Venturi and Mr Timothy Sainsbury

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The design of the £30 million Sainsbury Wing extension to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, was praised by the trustees when it was unveiled yesterday.

Welcoming the new design, by the American architect Mr Robert Venturi, Mr Jacob Rothschild, chairman of the gallery trustees, also praised the "vision" of Sir John Sainsbury, who is donating the building to the nation with his brothers, Mr Simon Sainsbury and Mr Timothy Sainsbury, the Conservative MP for Hove.

Mr Rothschild said the trustees, who now include the Prince of Wales, had unanimously approved the design. A previous scheme for the site, to the west of the existing gallery, was likened by the Prince to a "monstrous carbuncle". Reports of major disagreements between the trustees, the director, Mr Neil MacGregor, and the architect over his design were denied.

As disclosed in *The Times yesterday, the extension is a restrained addition to the existing classical building by William Wilkins.*

The wing is the same height, apart from a huge glass roof providing clerestory lighting for the top floor galleries. Its elevations, in Portland stone, pick up the clustered pilasters, string courses and blank windows of Wilkins' design.

It is likely, however, that the elevations will undergo further refinement before the scheme is submitted to Westminster City Council for planning permission in June. Construction is likely to start early next year and be completed in 1991.

The public will be able to express opinions on the new designs during an exhibition of drawings and models which runs from today until May 10.

The new wing, a third of the size of the existing gallery, will house the early Renaissance, Italian and Northern collections. There will also be a lecture theatre, restaurants and a gallery shop.

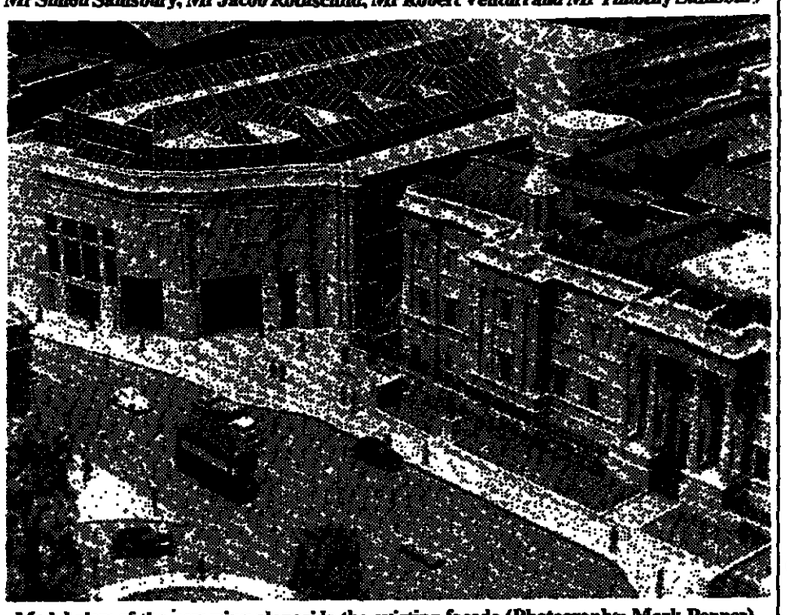
The dynamic interior, based on a brilliantly organized plan, is focused on a grand staircase which rises from the basement to the top floor, next to a huge glass screen facing Jubilee Walk; the walk runs between the existing gallery and the eastern boundary of the extension.

The two buildings are linked at first floor level by a bridge, which will provide a vista from one end of the old gallery to the other end of the extension. Mr Venturi acknowledged the influence of Sir John Soane in his design, particularly the top-lit gallery space of the Dulwich picture gallery in South London.

He said: "Architecture should not dominate the art but complement it". The same can be said for the relationship between the elevations of his building and the rest of Trafalgar Square.

Mr Rothschild praised the design for its "plurality, eclecticism and originality".

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Model view of the new wing alongside the existing facade (Photographs: Mark Pepper).

Britain helps in passport inquiry

By Richard Ford
and Michael McCarthy

Scotland Yard is to take up the investigation into allegations that false passports were offered for sale at the Irish Embassy in London.

The decision to involve British police was taken yesterday after a lengthy Cabinet meeting in Dublin and discussions at the Foreign Office.

But it was unclear last night whether the man at the centre of the affair, Mr Kevin McDonald, passport officer at the embassy, is yet being directly sought. He has been missing since the weekend when he was accused by a Sunday newspaper of selling false Irish passports for up to £15,000 a time, possibly to nationals of states involved in terrorism.

After the Irish authorities learnt of the allegations he was ordered to report back to Dublin on Monday, but failed to do so.

His whereabouts are not known but he has been in touch with the embassy through his solicitor.

Scotland Yard would not comment last night, but it is believed that British police officers will be interviewing friends and associates of Mr McDonald. They will help to ascertain which of the estimated 100,000 passports Mr McDonald has been responsible for issuing since 1983 are suspect, and to whom they were issued.

If there is a *prima facie* case against Mr McDonald a warrant for his arrest could be issued. The Irish Government has said it would not invoke his limited diplomatic status.

Until such a course takes place, it would appear that Mr McDonald is free to come and go as he pleases.

Refugees' doctor on way home

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ently aroused the ire of the camp's Shia assailants.

Dr Cutting, aged 35, said she was unsure how seriously to take the death threats, which she first heard about from a wounded Palestinian woman evacuated from the camp after Syrian troops deployed there last week to end the siege. "We know about her (Cutting). We are going to cut her to pieces," the woman was told. Later, Dr Cutting said: "They passed messages into the camp to say they were waiting for us."

The Bourj al-Barajneh hospital was heavily damaged by shelling during the siege. Dr Cutting's team lacked proper medical and food supplies.

They say they joined refugees in eating the flesh of cats, dogs and mules to survive. Their hardships continued for weeks after Syrian troops restored a semblance of normal life to nearby west Beirut in February.

Dr Cutting first went to Lebanon in December 1985.

Danger cargoes trapped in ferry

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tremely comprehensive. The shipper is a government organization in west Europe." He refused to name the organization or give any details of the chemicals being carried by his lorry..

Mr Rycroft's lorry was one of four carrying dangerous goods thought to have been aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise. He said a telex booking a passage for his lorry from Zeebrugge to Dover the evening before the disaster showed it was carrying "Class 6.1 goods".

The classification, part of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code established by the International Maritime Organization, covers a wide range of dangerous goods.

Mr Rycroft said that goods in 6.1 category should only be carried in specialist freight vessels, or in passenger ferries carrying fewer than 25 passengers.

Townsend Thoresen said that both the telex sent to Zeebrugge and documentation presented there by the driver had indicated that 61 drums of cyanide solution were carried, and these were allowed to be carried in passenger ferries. They said they had not been forewarned of any other materials.

The materials had been collected from a warehouse on the Swiss/German border and were en route for Manchester to a "non-commercial customer". Mr Rycroft declined to say whether they were on their way to be dumped in Britain or were to be used for research purposes.

He said he was hampered from giving further information because of the judicial inquiry underway in Belgium and the possibility of civil action in the courts about the dangerous loads.

E.C. Transport, which employs a number of former servicemen, was involved in the operation to make safe a Dutch ship containing 400 tons of explosives which caught fire in the English Channel earlier this year.

Mr Rycroft said last night: "We carry hazardous materials every day of the week all over Europe. I never expect them to be carried on passenger ferries.

"I understand that my lorry was just allowed to drive on to the car deck of the Herald of Free Enterprise and was not even chained down. It even had an orange reflective plate on the front to notify people that it was carrying dangerous goods."

The lorry was driven by Mr Roger Broomfield, of Poole, Dorset, who was asleep in a drivers' cabin beneath the vehicle decks when when the ferry capsized. He was rescued after several hours trapped in the dark in a corridor.

Mr Broomfield said yesterday that he was unaware of what he was carrying.

DPP needs more time on Heysel case appeal

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions are expected to go to the High Court today to tell judges that they need more time to consider an appeal in the Heysel stadium extradition case.

It may be several weeks before Sir Thomas Hetherington, the DPP, his staff in the Crown Prosecution Service and the Belgians decide on their next move in getting 26 Liverpool football supporters to trial in Brussels on manslaughter charges arising from the 1985 football riot in which 39 people died.

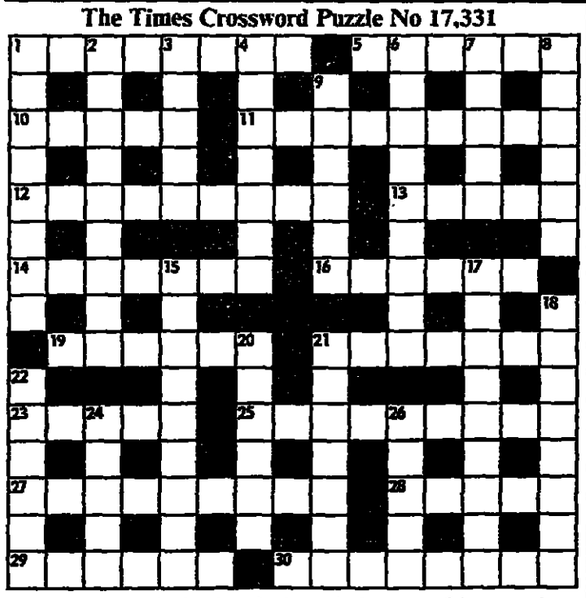
On Monday Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Mann, ruled that the extradition case against the supporters was fatally flawed by a legal technicality and agreed to grant writs of *habeas corpus.*

The DPP can try to appeal against the judgement and until he has decided if he will approach the House of Lords the writs will not be issued.

In the past year the DPP and his staff have already faced criticism about an attempt to extradite Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning about IRA attacks, from Dublin which collapsed.

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,331



This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 9 per cent of the competitors at the 1987 Leeds regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship

ACROSS

1 Othello, for example, does feel at fault (4,2,2).
5 First class — and second — drink greedily (4-2).
10 Irene will not fully recover (5).
11 Anticipate, would you say, everything (9).
12 One after another kept busy (2,3,4).
13 Children hardly ever seem satisfied just to start with a game (5).
14 No one with *Time's* back number (7).
16 Fruit pulp (6).
19 Transcendental goodness — it's round about (6).
21 Biblical cure to remove guilt (7).
23 Soldiers show disapproval of ban (5).
25 Business garb for priest not having sable (4-5).
27 Communist following an order that's varied (9).
28 Stage upon which 7 appears (5).
29 Start in France where river runs backwards (6).
30 Upper case — one letter at end is upside down (8).

DOWN

1 Could be obtained from conifers (3-5).
2 Funny thing outlined by artist *in extenso* (9).
3 Put out to find water (5).
4 It provides colour for fans needing kicks (7).
6 Book held up by contemptible person, an Oxonian? (4,5).
7 Tool employed in craft (5).
8 Finish the tongue (6).
9 Old philosopher gets so abstracted in such cases (6).
15 Present reduction may be changed (9).
17 Nicholas goes on a journey, we hear, in Bolivia (5,4).
18 Brook, leaning on single daughter, nodded (8).
20 He used to speechify about diamonds on gold mounts (6).
21 Name the spies surrounding archbishop (7).
22 19's up, discarding last of nightapparel and housecoat (6).
24 King invested in most superior port (5).
26 Rhino horns (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,330



Concise Crossword, page 10

The Easter Prize Jumbo Crossword will appear on Good Friday

WEATHER

General situation: weak fronts will cross northern areas. Northern Scotland and the islands will be cooler with some sunshine, but with a few showers. It will be windy, especially in the Northern Isles. Southern Scotland, northern England, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man will have a little rain here and there but drier weather will follow and most places will brighten up a little. Wales, central and southern England and the Channel Islands will be dry and after a dull, misty start many places will become bright and warm but fog will trouble some coasts. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry and warm.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	16	61	Madrid	s	18	64
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Majorca	f	15	59
Alex'dria	s	22	72	Malaga	s	19	66
Algiers	f	17	63	Malta	f	14	57
Amst'dm	c	9	48	Melb'rne	f	20	68
Athens	f	13	55	Mexico C'	f	25	77
Bahrain	s	32	90	Miami'	f	27	81
Barbados'	s	30	86	Milan	f	16	61
Barcelna	s	16	61	Montreal'	s	12	54
Belgrade	f	12	54	Moscow	s	12	54
Berlin	c	10	50	Munich	f	9	48
Bermuda'	s	22	72	Naples	s	18	64
Biarritz	c	13	55	N Delhi	s	32	90
Bord'x	c	14	57	N York'	c	8	46
Brussels	c	10	50	Nice	s	17	63
Budapst	f	13	55	Oslo	s	6	43
B Aires'	s	19	66	Paris	f	15	59
Cairo	s	25	77	Perth	s	23	73
Cape Tn	r	16	61	Prague	c	9	48
C'blanca	f	22	72	Reykjvk	h	1	34
Chicago'	c	13	55	Rhodes	f	17	63
Ch'church	c	15	59	Rio de J	s	30	86
Cologne	s	12	54	Riyadh	s	36	97
C'pnhgn	c	4	39	Rome	s	20	68
Corfu	f	17	63	Salzburg	f	9	48
Dublin	c	11	52	S F'isco'	s	16	61
Dubrovnik	s	17	63	S Paulo'	f	30	86
Faro	s	22	72	Seoul	s	11	52
Florence	f	16	61	Sing'por	f	32	90
Frankfurt	s	11	52	St'kholm	f	8	46
Funchal	c	20	68	Strasb'rg	s	12	54
Geneva	s	11	52	Sydney	s	27	81
Gibraltar	s	19	66	Tangier	s	20	68
Helsinki	f	9	48	Tel aviv	s	20	68
Hong K	c	16	61	Tenerife	c	22	72
Innsbruck	c	9	48	Tokyo	c	10	50
Istanbul	f	9	48	Toronto'	s	12	54
Jeddah	s	36	97	Tunis	f	11	52
Jo'burg'	t	22	72	Valencia	s	18	64
Karachi	s	34	93	Vanc'ver'	c	11	52
L Palmas	f	23	73	Venice	s	15	59
Le Touqt	c	10	50	Vienna	c	12	54
Lisbon	s	22	72	Warsaw	c	8	46
Locarno	s	11	52	Wash'ton'	c	16	61
L Angels'	s	22	72	Wel'ton	c	14	57
Luxemby	f	10	50	Zurich	s	10	50

' denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bridlington	6.1	-	11	52	sunny
Cromer	3.6	.08	11	52	sunny
Lowestoft	6.1	.11	9	48	fog
Clacton	3.6	.01	12	54	sunny
Margate	*	.02	9	48	fog
Folkestone	2.5	.06	12	54	sunny
Hastings	0.9	.03	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	2.0	-	14	57	bright
Brighton	5.4	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	5.1	-	14	57	bright
Littlehampte	6.0	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	9.1	-	14	57	sunny
Southsea	9.6	-	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	10.2	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	10.4	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Swanage	10.9	-	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Exmouth	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	9.7	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	-	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.9	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	5.3	.01	16	61	sunny
Guernsey	9.3	-	15	59	fog
Ilfracombe	-	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	8.0	-	16	61	sunny
B'pool Airpt	6.9	-	14	57	sunny
Morecambe	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Douglas	3.2	-	13	55	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol (Cnt)	8.7	-	19	66	sunny
Carlisle	8.6	-	14	57	sunny
London	0.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Manchester	7.8	-	17	63	sunny
N'cstl-u-Tyne	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	5.5	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	5.4	-	13	55	fog
Cardiff (Cnt)	8.9	-	16	61	sunny
Tenby	3.3	-	15	59	bright
Aberdeen	0.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.3	-	14	57	bright
Glasgow	0.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Kinloss	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Lerwick	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Prestwick	4.8	-	13	55	bright
Stornoway	0.4	-	10	50	dull
Tiree	-	-	11	52	dull
Wick	2.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.22	7.1	3.46	7.3
Aberdeen	2.51	4.1	2.58	4.3
Avonmouth	8.52	13.4	9.13	13.3
Belfast	12.16	3.1	12.36	3.4
Cardiff	8.37	12.3	8.58	12.3
Devonport	7.28	5.5	7.52	5.5
Dover	12.16	6.6	12.33	6.5
Falmouth	6.58	5.3	7.22	5.3
Glasgow	2.27	4.3	2.26	4.8
Harwich	1.21	4.0	1.45	4.0
Holyhead	11.54	5.7	—	—
Hull	7.57	7.4	8.09	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.38	9.3	7.57	9.3
Leith	4.04	5.5	4.21	5.7
Liverpool	12.38	9.4	12.54	9.5
Lowestoft	11.19	2.3	11.23	2.5
Margate	7.15	4.8	7.48	4.8
Milford Haven	7.50	7.2	8.09	7.2
Newquay	6.40	7.2	6.59	7.2
Oban	7.13	4.1	7.41	4.0
Penzance	6.25	5.6	6.50	5.6
Portland	8.38	2.2	9.11	2.2
Portsmouth	12.49	4.7	1.05	4.6
Shoreham	12.35	6.3	12.52	6.2
Southampton	12.20	4.6	12.33	4.5
Swansea	7.56	9.7	8.16	9.7
Tees	5.13	5.4	5.24	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	1.12	4.2	1.36	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.23
Austria Sch	21.50	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.60	60.20
Canada $	2.22	2.12
Denmark Kr	11.51	10.91
Finland Mkk	7.53	7.08
France Fr	10.12	9.62
Germany Dm	3.08	2.90
Greece Dr	219	208
Hong Kong $	13.17	12.47
Ireland Pt	3.44	3.26
Italy Lire	2175	2065
Japan Yen	240	226
Netherlands Gld	3.44	3.26
Norway Kr	11.45	10.85
Portugal Esc	233	223
South Africa Rd	4.45	3.65
Spain Pes	212.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	10.67	10.12
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.38
USA $	1.702	1.622
Yugoslavia Dnr	1050	950

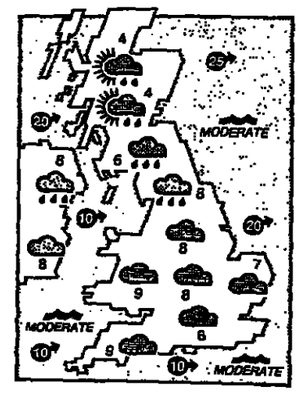
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Retail Price Index: 100.4

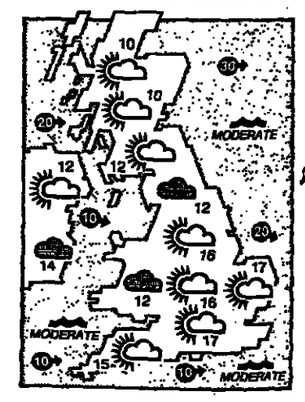
London: The *FT* index closed down 5.7 at 1506.7.

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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.26 pm to 5.34 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.44 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 5.37 am
Manchester 8.39 pm to 5.38 am
Penzance 8.45 pm to 5.56 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C (48F) Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.8hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1031.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

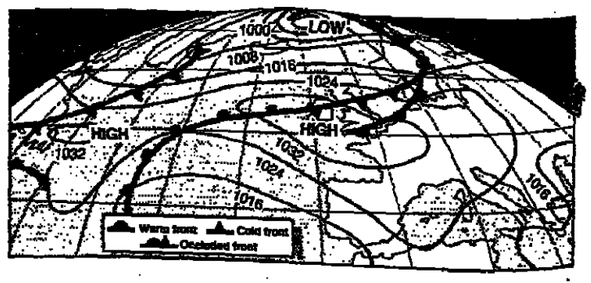
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	11	52	Guernsey	s	13	55
B'mngham	s	15	59	Inverness	c	11	52
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	f	15	59
Bristol	s	16	61	London	c	12	54
Cardiff	f	16	61	M'nchester	f	13	55
Edinburgh	f	12	54	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	c	11	52	R'maldsway	c	10	50

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am,4C (39F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.8hr.

Sun rises: 6.06 am — Sun sets: 7.58 pm
Moon sets: 6.22 am — Moon rises: 10.19 pm
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NOON TODAY



Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1506.7 (–5.7)

FT-SE 100
1908.9 (–8.2)

Bargains
45627 (39835)

USM (Datastream)
161.95 (–1.0)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6305 (+0.0060)

W German mark
2.9382 (+0.0019)

Trade-weighted
72.0 (same)

Dollar slips to post-war low

Central banks act after $15bn US trade deficit

From Bailey Morris in Washington and David Smith

Central banks staged a large support operation for the dollar yesterday, after figures were released showing a US trade deficit of $15.06 billion (£9.24 billion) in February.

The dollar initially came under heavy selling pressure after the announcement of the deficit, the third biggest on record.

It fell to a new post-war low of Y140.45 and dropped below DM1.80.

But support by the Bundesbank, the Bank of Japan, the Swiss National Bank and the Bank of France succeeded in pushing the dollar back above DM1.80 and Y141, helping to calm other markets.

Even so, the dollar finished at a post-war closing low of Y141.05, and half a pfennig down at DM1.8020. Sterling gained 60 points to $1.6305.

The US bond market, more than two points down at one stage yesterday, recovered its losses. The gilts market in London turned around from a one point loss to a 1¼ point gain.

Share prices picked up after earlier sharp falls. The Dow Jones industrial average held steady after Monday's 51 point fall. The FT 30 share index ended 5.7 points down at 1,506.7 and the wider FTSE-100 index 8.2 points down at 1,908.9.

Apart from the intervention, the dollar was saved from a free-fall yesterday by strong rumours circulating in Europe yesterday morning that the February trade deficit would be $18 billion.

Prior to the rumours, analysts had been expecting a deficit of $13 to $14 billion for February, after a $14.8 billion deficit in January.

In the event, the February deficit was $15.06 billion but the January deficit was revised down to $12.27 billion.

Exports rose by 13.6 per cent to $18.66 billion, suggesting some trade benefits from the dollar's weakness. But imports rose by 17.5 per cent to $33.72 billion.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, said the strong rise in imports reflected the buoyancy of the economy. Stockpiling was believed to be at a high level in the first quarter.

The dollar's fall would be expected to produce normal J-curve effects, where there is an initial rise in the value of imports, only later offset by stronger export volume.

Japan again accounted for the largest share of the US deficit at $5.1 billion or more than one-third of the total. It was followed by the European Economic Community at $1.9 billion, Canada also at $1.9 billion and Taiwan at $1.5 billion.

The latest figures add to concern that the Group of Seven industrialized nations will be unable to hold together a fragile agreement on exchange rate stabilization reaffirmed last week at a meeting in Washington.

Mr David Morrison, international economist at Goldman Sachs in London, said that with the yen having risen strongly, the markets could turn to the mark-dollar rate. "The DM1.80 level may be the important one for the G7 to defend," he said.

Markets have reacted negatively to the G7 accord, in the belief that the dollar must go lower to reduce the persistently high US trade deficit which rose to a record $160 billion last year.

The markets remain nervous because of the trade battle between the US and Japan which showed no signs of abating as the critical Friday deadline neared for the imposition of 100 per cent tariffs against some Japanese electronic goods.

White House officials said President Reagan was determined to issue a "proclamation" imposing the sanctions against a slightly reduced number of Japanese imports, despite the appeal by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese prime minister, that the tariffs be postponed.

The White House statements, by Mr Howard Baker, the chief of staff, and Mr Frank Carlucci, the national security adviser, were issued as Japan also took a harder line.

Officials said Japan was considering a plan to abrogate the semiconductor agreement reached with the US last September and to impose tariffs on US goods if the sanctions were imposed.

Although both sides insist they wish to avert a trade war, both governments are nonetheless under strong domestic pressure not to appear to give in to the other.

Gold powers past $440

Gold powered past $440 an ounce in London yesterday to reach its highest levels for four years as the dollar dipped sharply amid fears that US interest rates are about to be pushed higher (Colin Narbrough writes).

The weak dollar, bad US trade figures, and the spectre of higher interest rates boosting American inflation, sent share prices lower on both sides of the Atlantic, making investors switch into the traditional safe haven of gold.

The metal closed in London at $441.50 – $442.00 after reaching a peak of $445.25 – $446.00 in the afternoon. On Monday, it ended at $436.00 – $436.50. The afternoon fix yesterday at $442.40 was the highest since May 1983.

In New York, gold futures rose to six-month highs on active buying during the morning, sending gold for June delivery $9 higher at $449.80, the highest since last October.

Comex silver futures for delivery in May jumped by 33.0 cents to $7.25 an ounce before dropping back to $7.07.

Harry Kerr



Philip Birch: aggressive opening programme will continue

Ward White record

By Carol Ferguson

Strong growth from Halfords and good contributions from acquisitions made during 1986 resulted in record profits of £41.3 million for the retailing group Ward White. The dividend for the year is 7.5p, up 15 per cent.

Profits from Halfords, its automotive parts retailer, increased by more than 43 per cent, to £12.2 million at the operating level, on the back of sales of £144 million, up 17 per cent. It opened 17 new edge-of-town stores, adding more than 180,000 square feet of space in the 12 months to January 31, 1987.

Mr Philip Birch, chairman and chief executive, said that an aggressive opening programme will be maintained, and by the end of 1987 Halfords expects to be operating 50 major edge-of-town units.

The Payless DIY chain contributed £13.7 million to profits in the 10 months it was owned by the group. Since its acquisition, sales at Payless have increased by more than 20 per cent.

Nine new superstores were added by the end of January. Mr Birch said these results vindicated the purchase of Payless and gave the lie to criticisms that he had paid too much.

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Factory output recovers but trend uncertain

By Our Economics Correspondent

Manufacturing output recovered in February from its weather-hit January levels.

But the latest figures suggest there has been little overall rise in manufacturing so far this year after a sharp increase late last year.

There was a 2.2 per cent rise in manufacturing output in February after a 2.4 per cent fall in January.

Industrial output as a whole, including energy production, rose by 1.6 per cent to a record level of 112.6 (1980 = 100).

In the December-February period, manufacturing output was up by 0.4 per cent on the previous three months and by 3.8 per cent on the corresponding period a year earlier.

Industrial production as a whole was up by 0.3 per cent on the previous three months and by 2.6 per cent on the previous year.

There was a sharp upward revision of output data for the period from October to January due to the inclusion of new data from quarterly inquiries, officials said.

The revisions pushed the level of manufacturing output around 1.5 per cent higher and overall industrial production up by 1 per cent.

As a result, the output profile has changed markedly.

The new figures show that there was a sharp increase in manufacturing output during 1986, with the level of production in December more than 5 per cent higher than in the previous January.

Between the third and fourth quarters of last year, manufacturing output rose by 2.5 per cent, suggesting a swift response to sterling's fall against the European currencies.

For last year as whole, manufacturing output showed a 0.8 per cent increase compared with the 1985 average, while overall industrial production rose by 1.8 per cent.

The high fourth quarter figure for manufacturing output, while encouraging, makes the output trend difficult to determine, officials said.

The figures appear to suggest that, after rising sharply late last year, manufacturing has reached a plateau. The level of output in February was slightly below that in December.

But the revised figures have brought manufacturing output closer to the politically significant level reached in the first half of 1979.

In the latest three months, output was only 2.7 per cent below the level recorded then.

Some sectors of the economy have been growing rapidly

Output of the electrical and instrument engineering industry — which includes computers — was 10.6 per cent higher in the December-February period than a year earlier

Car output was up by 16.6 per cent, chemicals by 5.7 per cent and paper, printing and publishing by 7.1 per cent.

Turnround at Micro Business

Fifteen months after taking control at the troubled Micro Business Systems, Mr Stafford Taylor and Mr Owen Williams, former directors of IBM UK, report a return to profits.

MBS, Britain's leading independent supplier of computer equipment and services, slumped £3.4 million into the red in 1985 as margins evaporated. Restructuring by Mr Taylor and Mr Williams produced profits of £937,000 in 1986 on a turnover of £75.9 million. The board is recommending a 0.5p dividend.

Mr Taylor, the chief executive, said: "The company has emerged leaner, fitter and more professional." Trading volumes are well ahead of last year

Deals record

Contracts written on the London futures market topped 100,000 for the first time yesterday. Futures and options contracts recorded by the London International Financial Futures Exchange, totalled 101,432, the highest in its five-year history, as operators reacted to the $15 billion (£9.26 billion) American trade deficit.

RMC leap

The directors of RMC Group are recomending a 12.5p final dividend making a 25 per cent increase for the whole of 1986. Pretax profits for the year to the end of December advanced 36 per cent to £108.5 million. Earnings per share rose from 45.2p to 61p. A one for one scrip issue is proposed.

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Action on Boesky dismissed

From a Correspondent
New York

A federal judge has dismissed a legal action against Mr Ivan Boesky and others alleging that their insider trading ring damaged a company during a recapitalization plan.

The Chicago-based FMC Corporation claimed that Mr Boesky, Mr Dennis Levine and others cost the company more than $225 million (£138.9 million) because insider trading forced them to increase their offer last April by $10 a share.

It was alleged also that Mr David Brown, the former Goldman Sachs investment banker, shared confidential information about FMC's recapitalization plan with Mr Ira Sokolow at Shearson Lehman and Mr Levine at Drexel Burnham Lambert.

Mr Levine allegedly told Mr Boesky, who bought 95,300 shares in FMC just before the recapitalization was announced in February.

The share price rose from $73.75 to $85.625 while Mr Boesky was buying the shares. It was alleged he made almost $1 million on the deal.

But in a brief ruling in Chicago, the judge said FMC had not demonstrated that Mr Boesky and the others had harmed the company

However, the judge added that FMC may still have a claim in the State Court for the $17 million it paid Goldman Sachs for the investment firm's counselling services to the recapitalization.

FMC's action, filed in December, was similar to one filed last August by Litton Industries against Shearson Lehman Brothers, Mr Levine and others, which is pending in New York.

Guthrie recovers slowly to £17.6m

By Joe Joseph

Guthrie Corporation, the industrial rump of the plantations empire taken over by the Malaysian government in 1981, yesterday confirmed its slow recovery from a chequered past with news of a 25 per cent rise in pretax profits last year to £17.64 million. A final dividend of 3.2p is to be paid.

The results, which show a jump in earnings per share to 19.1p from 16.5p in 1985, are the first full-year figures since Guthrie's relaunch on the stock market last June, when 37 per cent of the company's equity was offered for sale at 150p per share. Yesterday, the shares rose 6p to 209p.

Guthrie was snatched from the London stock market six years ago by Permodalan Nasional Berhad, a government-funded Malaysian investment trust.

A year later, its plantation interests were transferred to a Malaysian company, leaving Guthrie an industrial conglomerate with activities ranging from aviation services to textiles and floor coverings.

Since then the team under Mr Jock Green-Armytage, the managing director, has been putting the company back into shape by disposing of unrelated businesses and generating enough cash to reduce gearing to a fraction of the 70 per cent prevailing in 1982.

However, problems remain. Although business has been good so far this year, Mr Green-Armytage admitted 1986 "was a hard year for us."

Angus, the British supplier of fire protection equipment, suffered as oil prices sank. But the order book appears to be strengthening.

Woodrow rise to £57.6m

Advances from property and housebuilding spearheaded the movement to offset the effect of declining oveseas construction work at Taylor Woodrow last year. Pretax profits increased by 7 per cent to £57.6 million in the 12 months to the end of December, 1986. This is the 26th year in which the group has increased its profits.

Turnover fell from £812.2 million to £793.2 million. The tax charge remained subnormal at 27 per cent and fully diluted earnings per share advanced from 23.2p to 25.9p. The 1985 figure is stated excluding a non-recurring tax credit. A final dividend of 7.25p is recommended making a total for the year of 9.5p.

An external property revaluation undertaken at the year-end produced a surplus of £55.8 million after deducting minority interests.

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Exchange changes rule book

By Lawrence Lever

Fears that Big Bang has increased the risk of default among stockbrokers and market-makers have caused the Stock Exchange to change its rule book.

It has set up three working parties which will review such items as the fortnightly account system.

Members have been told that they are no longer committed to deal on screen-based terms, if they have doubts about the creditworthiness of the firm wishing to deal with them.

Under the pre-Big Bang system jobbers were able to widen their spreads as a defensive tactic against someone they did not want to deal with.

However, the new screen based system does not afford such protection. Stock Exchange members' screen pricesare "firm" – the deal is as shown. Huge increases in the volume of bargains and their overall size since Big Bang have accentuated the problem and some firms have expressed concern about the risk of default.

Premier Brands profits rise 23%

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Premier Brands, created last year by the £97 million management buyout of the Cadbury Schweppes food and beverage interests, yesterday reported trading profits in its first year of £16.5 million, an increase of 150 per cent over the division's results the previous year. Pretax profit was up 23 per cent to £9.2 million.

But the company is aiming at further improvements because its sales returns are still below the sector average.

Profits were up despite higher interest payments arising from the financing arrangements for the buyout led by Mr Paul Judge, managing director of Premier and former group planning director at Cadbury Schweppes. Typhoo tea, Cadbury's chocolate biscuits and Chivers Hartley preserves were some of the brands taken on by Premier.



Judge: 'further improvement remains a key objective'

The company plans a full listing on the Stock Exchange and sets out its performance in an annual report, including proforma accounts.

Mr Judge said: "The cash inflow of £41 million from operations is significantly ahead of the original financial plan agreed with our bankers at the time of the buyout."

Improvements in efficiency also contributed to higher gross profit levels, according to the annual report.

Premier's 5.3 per cent return on sales was still below the industry average, said Mr Judge, adding: "Further improvement remains a key objective. It has been an extremely encouraging first year."

Premier is looking to higher profits partly because sales volumes this year are higher and benefits are expected from the purchase of Melrose and Glengettie tea companies.

Hill Samuel shares still climbing

Waiting for Holmes à Court

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Hill Samuel's shares continued to climb yesterday with the market convinced that Mr Robert Holmes à Court was building up a substantial stake. But there is still no confirmation that his stake has, in fact, risen from 1.75 to the 4 per cent reported yesterday.

Mr Christopher Castleman, chief executive of Hill Samuel, continued to dismiss the suggestions. "Recent press comment appears to us to be based entirely on market rumour," he said.

Market speculation is certainly the stock in trade of arbitrageurs and the shares will keep rising while the market believes a takeover is imminent. The skillful game of hide and seek Mr Saul Steinberg played with the market over Mercury International showed what could be achieved.

After churning out belligerent comments about Mercury, he sold out at a huge profit to an investor with whom Mercury knew it could live comfortably.

His example has no doubt spurred on others, yet the stock market remains frankly confused about the motives of the three Antipodean investors who between them may now hold 20 to 25 per cent of Hill Samuel.

The confusion may be misplaced. Australian experts find this pattern of investment quite typical.

According to Mr Chris Anderson, an Australian and New Zealand equity analyst at James Capel, the stockbroker: "All these investors are good at taking no-lose positions. They have a record of buying into companies where the shares may be undervalued and there is bid potential. They either take a trading turn or, if circumstances look favourable, can even make a bid themselves."

In all his statements so far, Mr Larry Adler, chairman of FAI, has sounded like a straightforward arbitrageur. His holding in Hill Samuel is 14 per cent – by far the largest. He has dabbled in banks in the past when he tried to gain control of Advance Bank in Australia but was thwarted when the regulatory authorities closed ranks against him.

He wanted four directors on the board but was allowed only two. As a result he withdrew altogether.

NZI, the New Zealand group with 4.5 per cent, may have more serious intentions. The largest shareholder is Mr Ron Brierley whose 31 per cent stake was swelled this week when Renouf, another New Zealand company, sold its holding to him.

NZI has convinced Hill Samuel of its good intentions as a financial services company with banking, insurance and fund management interests which wants to diversify overseas but has not yet quite decided how to do it.

Mr Brierley is not beyond taking a punt from time to time. He is flush with cash at present and, after the drop in the New Zealand stock market, is looking for places to invest.

He failed last November in his £306 million bid for Ocean Transport and Trading, the British freight and distribution group. But it is doubtful that he would want to try the delicate business of bidding for a City financial services group.

Of the three investors, Mr Holmes à Court is certainly the best known in Britain and has dabbled already in banking investments with his 15 per cent holding in Standard Chartered Bank. His motive there, as far as anyone can make out, seems to be to benefit from the upside potential of a takeover.



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New York	
Dow Jones	2284.23 (–2.84)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	23524.08 (+604.54)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2868.35 (–40.59)
Amsterdam: Gen	283.6 (–1.5)
Sydney: AO	1780.4 (–18.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1770.1 (+17.2)
Brussels:	
General	4552.85 (–37.07)
Paris: CAC	444.5 (–2.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	89.46 (–0.43)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank $9^{15}/_{16}$–$9^{13}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $9^{21}/_{32}$–$9^{19}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7¾%
Federal Funds $6^{9}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.09-6.07%*
30-year bonds $90^{29}/_{32}$-$90^{31}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6305	£: $1.6300*
£: DM2.9382	$: DM1.8035*
£: SwFr2.4229	$: SwFr1.4880*
£: FFr9.7718	$: FFr6.0010*
£: Yen229.98	$: Yen141.20*
£: Index:72.0	$: Index:100.5
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Redland	429p (+9p)
Greene King	347p (+14p)
Mcleod Russell	391p (+58p)
St. Ives	595p (+45p)
G Oliver 'A'	440p (+10p)
County Props	243p (+35p)
Yule Catto	423p (+48p)
Swindon Hospital	130p (+15p)
FALLS:	
ICI	1263p (–15p)
Glaxo	1409p (–22p)
Blue Circle	787p (–18p)
Royal Insurance	900p (–15p)
APV Baker	594p (–9p)
Jacksons Bourne	580p (–40p)
Rothmans	246p (–9p)
Lloyds Bank	442p (–16p)
Cable & Wireless	355p (–10p)
Norank Systems	228p (–15p)
Sharna Ware	155p (–30p)
Poseidon	668p (–55p)

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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $440.25 pm-$442.40
close $442.50-443.00 (£271.50-272.00)
New York:
Comex $442.90-443.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $17.40bbl ($17.60)
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BUSINESS SUMMARY

St Ives pays £8.4m for Riverside Press

St Ives Group, the fast-growing printer, announced another acquisition yesterday. It is buying a private company, Riverside Press, for £8.4 million. The purchase is being funded by an issue of 1.68 million new shares.

Since it was floated in 1985, making profits of £7.5 million, St Ives has become by acquisitions the largest book printer in Britain, with a market share of around 10 per cent. It prints 10 million bibles a year and accounts for a quarter of the mass market paperbacks printed in Britain.

Books account for around a quarter of group profits; magazines contribute the rest. The group, founded by Mr Bob Gavron, prints *Elle* and *Company* magazines, and its 10 per cent of the market makes it the second largest in the field behind Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC group.

Mr Gavron said yesterday that Riverside fitted in well with his group's strategic growth plans. It was well sited for the fast turn-round London weekly magazine market, offering short editorial and advertising lead times.



Fairbriar in £4.5m buy

Fairbriar, the Epsom residential property developer, is making its first acquisition since going public in 1985. The group is paying £4.5 million in shares for Ryan of Wimborne, a Dorset developer which builds about 150 homes a year at present. Mr Remo Dipre (left), the chairman of Fairbriar, said Ryan has a three-year land bank and would make a useful contribution this year.

£15m Timpson offer

George Oliver footwear is making a recommended offer of £15 million for Timpson shoes consisting of £6 million in new shares and £9 million in cash. The terms are four new Oliver A shares and £24.94 in cash for every 59 Timpson shares. Oliver has received irrevocable undertakings of acceptance for 76.8% of Timpson shares.

Oliver will acquire Timpson's shoe retailing division, which operates 228 shops mainly in Scotland, Lancashire, Teeside and Yorkshire. Timpson's shoe repair division will be sold to Richcentral, a company owned and controlled by John Timpson and certain associates, for £3 million cash.

The combined businesses will be Britain's third largest specialist chain, with approx 500 shops.

Redland ends Monier plan

Redland, the building materials company, said yesterday that it has abandoned plans to bid for the 51.1 per cent of its Australian associate, Monier, which it does not already own. Last week there was speculation that Redland was going to bid for Monier after an announcement that the two companies were in talks.

£5m buy for Jack L Israel

Jack L Israel, the USM-quoted food group, is buying John Martin Foods, which specializes in importing and distributing canned fish, in a deal worth about £5.6 million. The purchase is being financed through the issue of 16.75 million new shares. John Martin earned pretax profits of £323,806 last year on turnover of £17.5 million.

Tunisian loans plan

The Tunisian government plans to look to the British capital markets for a large proportion of the $1.77 billion (£1.09 billion) in commercial loans it expects to need over the next five years. After a meeting in London with representatives of 93 banks, Mr Ismael Khelil, the minister of finance, said his country's total external debt requirements would be $7 billion, but 75 per cent would be met by grant aid and long term loans.

Turning to the remaining 25 per cent, he said: "The British market will be part of that deal." With its oil reserves rapidly running out, Tunisia faces a painful adjustment to an economy based on tourism, agriculture and industry.

STOCK MARKET

US gloom squashes shares' recovery

By Cliff Feltham

Shares were left floundering again yesterday as a grim set of US trade figures – showing a $15 billion deficit for February – and an early plunge on Wall Street wiped out an early rally inspired by the Government's sharply increased lead in the latest opinion polls. But Wall Street later began to react more calmly to the deficit, helping shares recover some ground.

Gilts succeeded in turning some early falls into gains of £1⅛. Among leading equities, Glaxo fell by a further 13p – after being 23p down at one stage – to 1,418p following figures which had failed to satisfy market expectations, while ICI could not buck the trend and drifted 15p lower at 1,263p.

By the close, the FT-SE 100 index was 8.2 down at 1,908.9. The narrower-based FT 30 Share index finished 5.7 points lower at 1,506.7.

Wood Mackenzie, the broker, last night launched an Exocet at the electronics industry, giving a warning that it faces a tough year winning orders from the Ministry of Defence, its biggest customer.

It says that government figures show that spending on defence electronics will fall by 2 per cent this year – the first cut-back for a decade and a major blow for the industry which sends 20 per cent of its output to the MoD.

The broker does not mix its words. It says: "Orders will slip, competition will be fierce and profit growth will be squeezed. Each company will want to believe that it can buck the trend – not all can succeed."

● **Better-than-expected profits should be unveiled today by the fashion house Helene of London. But stand by for action when the directors report a bid approach, which could push the shares to 60p. Mr Maurice Hope, former R&J Pullman chairman, has been taking a close look.**

First in the firing line to suffer is Ferranti, which Wood is telling clients to sell, saying: "Of all the majors, Ferranti has both the highest sales dependence on defence electronics – 67 per cent – and the highest dependence on the Ministry of Defence – 37 per cent of group sales.

"Although the group has been striving to increase its sales in the US market and has enjoyed a significant measure of success, this may be more difficult in future. The premium rating looks anomalous, given the difficult industry conditions."

The broker also says that GEC could suffer, particularly its Marconi business, which is a big supplier of sea and land-systems to the MoD and the share price could drift from its current levels. Wood has already cut its profit forecast from £690 million to £650 million.

It also believes that Racal could prove vulnerable and says that the best "buy" in the sector is Plessey, the overseas business of which is likely to shelter it from the fall-out at home. Also tipped as a "buy" is International Signal & Control.

Last night, Plessey was 1p firmer at 231p, Racal was 1p adrift at 218p, Ferranti was 3p weaker at 109p, while GEC came off 4p at 192p. ISC finished 5p off at 255p.

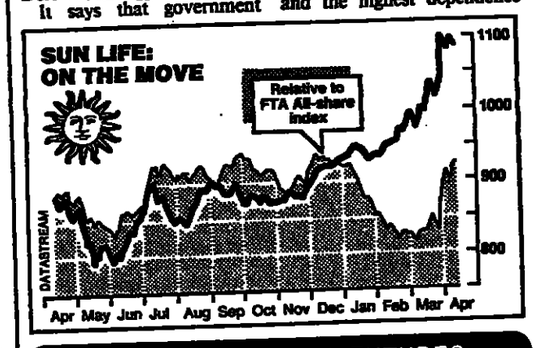
Oils were weak, with Savory Milln, the broker, saying there is little mileage left in any of the major exploration stocks at current levels. Enterprise drifted back 7p at 223p and Britoil was 3p weaker at 233p. Premier Consolidated, one of the companies favoured by the broker, held steady at 46p. It says that Burmah's 25 per cent stake in the company could be changing hands by the beginning of July.

There was a 5p jump to 91p at Asset Trust, run by Mr Brian Banks, a former Slater Walker fund manager, inspired by a bullish report on the company from Messel, the broker, which is looking for an increase in profits from £1 million last time to £1.35 million in the current year and £1.75 million in 1988.

Dealers remain convinced that some action is likely before long at Sun Life Assurance, which has come up from 794p last year to 1,085p yesterday, down just 5p on the day.

The South African-controlled Liberty Life group, run by Mr Donald Gordon, sits on a 25 per cent stake in the British company and has been endeavouring to negotiate an agreed takeover. But, so far, the Sun Life board has blocked its intentions.

The "yuppies' " favourite stock, Filofax, enjoyed a bright debut, rising to 161p compared with the placing price of 120p.

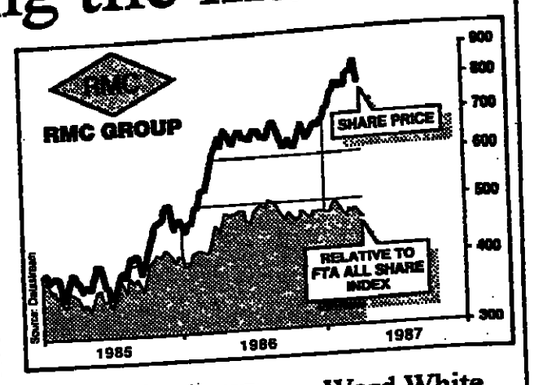


LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	90.33	90.44	90.33	90.43	4755
Sep 87	90.67	90.74	90.66	90.72	633
Dec 87	90.78	90.83	90.78	90.82	206
Mar 88	90.63	90.70	90.63	90.70	63
Jun 88	90.55	90.55	90.55	90.55	14
Sep 88	NT			90.38	0
Dec 88	90.25	90.25	90.25	90.25	1
Mar 89	NT			90.05	0
Previous day's total open interest 24906					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.84	92.88	92.62	92.77	14483
Sep 87	92.63	92.64	92.33	92.50	3788
Dec 87	92.42	92.44	92.15	92.25	1008
Mar 88	92.12	92.12	91.95	92.03	513
Jun 88	91.87	91.87	91.78	91.82	30
Sep 88	91.63	91.64	91.49	91.59	74
Dec 88	91.43	91.44	91.42	91.39	51
Mar 89	NT			91.20	0
Previous day's total open interest 28393					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	92-31	93-13	91-05	92-25	13127
Sep 87	NT			91-23	0
Previous day's total open interest 5347					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT				
Sep 87	NT				
Dec 87	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	121-08	122-28	120-26	122-24	44635
Sep 87	NT			122-24	0
Dec 87	NT			122-25	0
Previous day's total open interest 22119					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	192.70	193.90	191.80	192.70	1926
Sep 87	197.00	197.00	197.00	197.20	3
Previous day's total open interest 3740					

TEMPUS

RMC Group goes on beating the market



Purists would say it is a good fault to have, but RMC Group has a habit of beating the market by an unnecessarily wide margin. Consequently, the shares do not always receive adequate attention in the run-up to results.

Earlier this week, for example, they fell several percentage points ahead of figures comfortably higher than forecasts.

Indeed, RMC followers may not take heed when the company gives a warning that its rate of growth will slow this year, especially since the fundamentals look good.

Building materials demand in Britain is holding up well. The break-up of the cement makers' price cartel provides an opportunity to widen margins, although some benefits of lower prices will be passed on to customers.

Builders' merchants and DIY outlets have improved their performance, reflecting the overall level of activity. Great Mills added nine new DIY outlets during 1986, the costs of which were taken above the line. At least 15 new stores are planned for this year.

The benefit of measures taken in West Germany to streamline the business after reduced activity came through faster than anticipated. This led to a strong recovery in ready mixed concrete profits, while cement profits held steady.

Elsewhere overseas, the star performers were France and Spain, where cost savings combined with a buoyant market to push profits ahead. The US market was patchy.

RMC's US business has been built up by small strategic acquisitions in a fragmented market. Its turnover is now $115 million (£71 million).

This add-on policy will continue, although RMC is not averse to making a larger acquisition overseas or at home, now that its balance sheet is in good shape. At the end of 1986, net borrowings accounted for only 10 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The tax charge should be lower again this year, so earnings could advance by at least 25 per cent. Although strong in absolute terms, the shares have done little more than match the market in the last year. They deserve to do better.

Taylor Woodrow

Life would be dull if Taylor Woodrow failed to report "not unsatisfactory" results. The 1986 advance was not eye-catching, but the composition was pleasing, showing the group building up property activities to make up for a lack of overseas work.

As expected, contracting profits were down, reflecting low levels of activity in the oil-producing world. In Britain, a reasonable amount of work is available, although margins remain slim.

Trading companies moved back into profit. British housing profits doubled to about £6 million on a 10 per cent increase in sales to 1,000 units. About £18 million was spent on land last year.

Good progress was made in Canadian housing. In the United States, Florida was difficult, although California advanced.

Much attention is being focused on Taylor Woodrow's property interests. They are now worth £400 million, of which a quarter is tied up in the St Katharine's Dock development in the City of London.

The portfolio is being managed more aggressively, ensuring a steadily increasing profit. Last year, most of the advance came from rent increases rather than trading.

However, at last it looks as if the seeds sown in the property field have germinated and are ready to be harvested. The current year should see a respectable advance, but 1988 should experience stronger growth as trading activity steps up.

Taylor Woodrow could make more than £80 million after making about £65 million this year.

Taking the normal property discount, the group's non-construction earnings are on a p/e ratio of about 40 per cent below the sector average.

Admittedly, this has been the case for some time and the understated net asset value of 326p does not do much for the bull case. However, the shares should not be disregarded.

Ward White Group

The contributions from its latest acquisitions, Payless and LCP Holdings, have helped to boost profits at Ward White but they do not obscure the underlying reality that the group can generate considerable organic growth.

The market, however, is suffering from a surfeit of Ward White paper and has yet to be convinced. Investors are now feeling decidedly nervous about what will be the group's next move.

Undoubtedly, there will be consolidation as Whitlock, the US car parts and accessories subsidiary of the LCP Holdings acquisition, and Payless are integrated into the group. So far, reorganization of Whitlock, closing down its head office and its depot at Syracuse, has resulted in annual savings of $2 million (£1.25 million) and there is more to come.

The disposal of LCP's British interests (property and coal distribution) and Focus, the rump of the group's shoe retailing business, will raise about £85 million.

Not only will these sales help to reduce gearing from its current alarming 82 per cent level, they will help also to define the company more closely as a non-fashion retailing group.

Further acquisitions look inevitable. The group's ambition in the US is to use Whitlock to move into the top five of the car parts retailers from its current position of twelfth which will mean a series of acquisitions in this regionally based market.

Profits growth in 1987 should convince some doubters: £67 million pretax will represent a 16 per cent advance in earnings per share, despite the big increase in the issued share capital. The prospective multiple of 12 times earnings looks modest.

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Brokers in favour of new tin contract

By Colin Narbrough

The majority of London Metal Exchange brokers want a tin contract to be reintroduced, exchange officials say.

Some brokers have advocated the early reintroduction of a spot contract, without futures, in order to help create a steadier market and prevent wild price fluctuations in the metal.

However, senior LME officials see snags. There is little prospect of any contract as long as legal battles continue over the collapse of the International Tin Council.

Mr Michael Brown, the LME chief executive, said any reintroduction of tin, suspended in March last year after outstanding contracts were settled in a "ring out", would have to involve both spot and futures contracts.

There would be no purpose in having only spot contracts, since big industrial consumers needed a structured futures market.

Although it was a pity the tin contract had been suspended, Mr Brown said he believed there was "precious little" to be earned in tin at the moment.

Shearson Lehman Brothers, part of the American Express group, will next month begin an action against the LME to try to reverse the "ring out" price for tin contracts executed last year.

In the ring out, a settlement price for all outstanding contracts was imposed by the exchange.

ITC creditor banks and brokers are also seeking in the courts, both here and abroad, to recover hundreds of millions in losses arising from the failure of the commodity organisation's buffer stock in 1985.

Last Friday, ITC members agreed in principle to a two-year extension of the Sixth International Tin Agreement. They confirmed the continued suspension of the buffer stock.

● Shearson Lehman has sold 10,110 tonnes of tin accrued from its dealings with the International Tin Council, said a director of Shearson Lehman Metals, Mr David Williamson.

The company will still remain active traders in tin and will continue to make two-way markets, he added.

Earlier, tin traders said a steadying of free market tin prices to around £4,235, a tonne paid for spot Rotterdam material, from £4,200 early Friday, was due to reports that an LME broker over the last few months had sold around 10,000 tonnes of tin.

The assumption that this tin was still in brokers' hands had been overhanging the market for some time, tin traders said.

Savoy profits up again

By John Bell
City Editor

The Savoy Hotels group, the object of long-standing take-over ambitions by Lord Forte and his Trusthouse Forte chain, yesterday announced improved profits for the fifth successive year.

The first six months were badly affected by the scarcity of US tourists in the wake of the American air strike against Libya and the Chernobyl disaster. But the group, which lists the Connaught Rooms and Claridges among its portfolio of top-flight London establishments and the Hotel Lancaster in Paris, recovered strongly

Profits for the full 12 months rose 13 per cent to £12.094 million on turnover up just 8 per cent to £64.8 million.

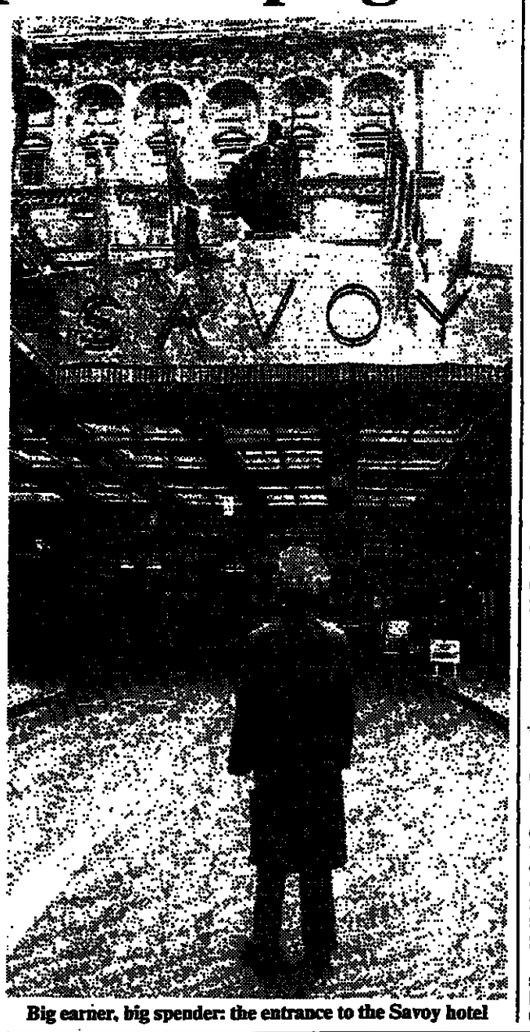
The group continued to spend heavily from its own resources.

Some £4.2 million went on repair and renewals and a further £8.6 million on big capital projects. The Lygon Arms Hotel in the Cotswolds and the car hire firm of Patrick Barthropp were purchased for £5.3 million.

The board feels the record profit achieved last year was satisfactory

In a comment clearly aimed at Lord Forte, the board said: "This gives convincing evidence of the vitality of the Savoy group in its present form. To maintain the independent management of this special group is a central plank in the company's strategy."

THF owns almost 70 per cent of the Savoy equity. But because of the unusual voting structure it commands only 42 per cent of the votes.



Big earner, big spender: the entrance to the Savoy hotel

BPB pays £69m in Swiss deal

By Michael Tate

BPB Industries, the building materials group, has agreed to pay SwFr168.4 million (£69.3 million) for the continental plasterboard and gypsum interests of the Swiss Intergips group.

The deal, which brings in Intergips' plasterboard and related interests in West Germany, The Netherlands, Italy and Austria, consolidates BPB's position as Europe's leading plasterboard supplier.

It is being financed by a placing of 11.8 million BPB shares at 600p each, a move that enlarges BPB's share capital by 6.2 per cent. The new shares, placed by Cazenove, the broker, yesterday, will qualify for the final dividend of not less than 7.5p the directors expect to pay for the year just ended.

The acquisition establishes BPB as number two in the West German and Austrian markets, where it previously had no direct presence. In the relatively undeveloped Italian market, it becomes market leader, prompting the group to consider building its first plasterboard plant there.

It also brings in a long-term desulphogypsum contract with VKR, a leading utility company in the Ruhr. Desulphogypsum is a by-product formed by flue gases at power stations, which can be used in plasterboard manufacture.

BPB says there are enough supplies to justify building a large plasterboard plant at Gelsenkirchen.

Manx taxes 'still attract the rich'

By Colin Narbrough

The Isle of Man's 20p in the pound tax rate is still attracting the highly taxed from mainland Britain, despite the narrowing of the gap between Manx and British tax rates.

Mr David Cannan, the Minister for the Manx Treasury, delivering his budget speech yesterday to the Tynwald, the tax haven's parliament, said the present Manx rate would remain unchanged.

Last month, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, announced a cut in the basic rate of income tax by 2p to 27p, falling short of the 25p target Mrs Thatcher's government has set itself.

Mr Cannan said the Manx economy was beginning to take off. Unemployment was now 7 per cent – a 15 per cent drop from last year, and the industrial and finance sectors were even having recruitment problems.

This compares with the mainland, where unemployment, while falling, is still running at well over 11 per cent.

Reflecting interest in the island as an offshore financial centre, the number of new companies formed there last year reached almost 4,000.

Mr Cannan noted that British taxpayers with an annual income exceeding £41,200 were having to pay marginal tax rates of 60 per cent. This was the category of tax refugees the island was still attracting.

"Such people are not benefiting from Mr Lawson's largesse," he said.

The issue of the island's special status resurfaced last month, when the Labour Party issued a policy document containing a thinly-veiled threat to force the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands, to accept United Kingdom company law.

Barham trebles profits to £4.5m

By Joe Joseph

Satisfying its aggressive appetite for acquisitions has helped to more than treble profits at Barham Group, the fast-growing communications, property and publishing company which is raising £15 million to expand its empire further.

Barham, which bought nine companies last year, yesterday reported pretax profits for the year to January 31 of £4.51 million.

That was about £400,000 better than the City expected and compared with £1.42 million for the previous 12 months. Earnings per share rose just over 37 per cent to 11.59p. The final dividend of 1.5p makes a total of 3p for the year, a 50 per cent rise.

Mr Norman Fetterman, the chairman, who has helped to transform Barham's fortunes since he took over the limping Dollands Photographic retail chain four years ago, said the company had "a hit-list of about 20 companies", which would make suitable future acquisition targets.

Barham yesterday announced that it was planning to raise about £15 million by placing up to 15.62 million convertible preference shares at 100p per share.

"The issue will eliminate existing bank borrowings and provide funds for acquisitions, Mr Fetterman said.

The company is particularly interested in fattening up its media interests by buying firms involved in advertising, market research or financial services and which are currently bringing in profits of at least £400,000 a year.

Helped by further acquisitions, Barham is confident that turnover, which doubled last year to £22.34 million, will swell to £35 million in 1987.

Brazil hits US banks

From a Correspondent, New York

Brazil's decision to suspend interest payments has resulted in low first-quarter earnings for six US banks.

It suspended the payments on its long-term and medium-term debt earlier this year in an effort to restructure its economy.

Chemical Bank had the biggest drop in earnings at 16 per cent, while Marine Midland Bank showed a 7.6 per cent decline on last year's earnings.

Wells Fargo, Bank of New England, Interfirst, and NCNB Corporation were affected to a lesser extent.

Although on paper, Wells Fargo's earnings increased by 52 per cent, that was largely due to its acquisition of Crocker National Corporation last year.

Its actual earnings were down by $7 million (£4.32 million) because of the action by Brazil.

Stock prices of banks owed money by Brazil have fallen heavily on the New York Stock Exchange in the past two days.

Norfolk beats boycott

By Our City Staff

The fast-expanding Norfolk Capital Group hotels chain yesterday reported profits of £1.412 million for last year, despite the decline in tourist trade after terrorism scares and the Chernobyl disaster.

In the previous 15-month trading period it made profits of £1.272 million. On an annualized basis the latest figure represents a 39 per cent increase.

And this does not include a contribution from the £15.3 million Celebrated Country Hotels acquisition, and only a month and a half from Edinburgh's Caledonian and North British hotels, bought from Guinness for £23.5 million in November.

Group turnover, again on an annualized basis, rose by 11 per cent to £13.44 million. Norfolk's concentration on the business and individual tourist market spared it the difficulties other hotel groups experienced last summer.

A revaluation of the company's hotels and inns has revealed a £6.7 million surplus which, with low borrowings, enables the company to go ahead with its refurbishing

COMMENT

All hands needed to stabilize the dollar

Currency dealers credited yesterday's US trade figures with wholly exaggerated importance in advance. The dollar's future was deemed to hang on figures for US imports and exports in February. It might fall precipitously without a sharp reduction on January's trade deficit. That is an almost instinctive delaying tactic when the markets are undecided on short-term currency trends. As so often, the statistic did not answer many questions when it arrived.

Ahead of the weekend, forecasters were looking for a deficit of $11 billion to $12 billion. But come yesterday morning, the rumour-mongers were talking of $18 billion and the dollar briefly traded at 140.5 yen and less than DM1.8. The actual figure of $15 billion was well up on the revised $12.3 billion January deficit (also released yesterday) but about the same as the original figure. It was worse than expected, but paradoxically left markets slightly relieved.

What really mattered was that the central banks of Japan, Germany and other EMS countries supported the dollar strongly. In the end, they held the day and – in this case – that could be more important than the economic realities. But yesterday was only one day.

If the monthly trade figures set the dollar/yen trend, the American currency could truly fall like a stone without sharply higher interest rates. A fall in a weak currency usually worsens trade figures to start with simply because the price effect on the value of imports has immediate effect while the beneficial effects on the volume of imports and exports come later. A continuously falling currency, therefore, tends to produce a continuously worsening trade deficit. The same applies in reverse to the Japanese surplus on the back of a rising yen.

The Paris accord for central bank intervention to help currencies settle is designed to overcome this destabilizing effect. But the credibility of that agreement must be in doubt when two of the three main trading blocks are firing the first shots in a trade war with the third.

If Japanese producers account for a third of the US trade deficit, Japanese investors are even more crucial in providing the funds to meet the US budget deficit and prop up the dollar. The twin deficits have predictably undermined the value of US money, but have done so by devaluing the currency externally rather than through domestic inflation. Foreign investors would be fools to continue buying US bonds unless they are convinced the rot has stopped.

The future of the dollar, therefore, depends on whether Japanese housewives, rather than international bankers, are convinced that the Paris accord holds and will be effective. Current trade skirmishes could make them the hardest group to convince. Signals from the Tokyo stock exchange suggest no panic.

Wall Street may prove the weak link. It seems ever more doubtful that the Federal Reserve can resist market pointers to a rise in interest rates. As British chancellors have so often discovered, it could be better to bite the bullet quickly. At such a dangerous moment, it is vital to stabilize currencies as quickly as possible. Failure to act would be the worst sign for markets – and for the world economy.

Lloyd's compromise

Over 2,000 members of the stricken PCW syndicates at Lloyd's of London will go off to their Easter break with some tough, even painful, decisions to make. They have to decide before May 30 whether to support the radical solution devised by Lloyd's ruling council for healing the traumas of the PCW scandal once and for all.

Many, especially those facing payment of sums between £100,000 and £200,000, may rightly feel aggrieved that thay have to pay anything at all. For the failure to spot the long-standing, persistent and cynical theft of names' money from the PCW syndicates is in no small measure due to a catastrophic breakdown of Lloyd's internal regulatory machinery. It would be surprising if there were not a few who took the view: "Can't pay, won't pay."

But a failure to resolve the matter now would preserve the taint which has stained Lloyd's image and damaged its business for far too long already.

The plan now being mulled over by names is a compromise. It has to be. But the scheme deserves the full backing of those called upon to contribute, however hurtful. For its part, Lloyd's council should resolve to proceed whether or not it has the backing it seeks of 90 per cent of the names involved. The documents outlining the offers, if read carefully, appear to allow the council to proceed at lower levels of acceptance, provided it does so with the agreement of AUA3, the company formed to protect the interests of PCW names.

Lloyd's could then set up the dummy syndicate, 9001, which will inherit the PCW liabilities in their entirety and run them off over a number of years with the backing of Lloyd's own, £300 million central fund. This would require some means yet to be devised of dealing with the hard core of those who can't or won't pay. But it would be a problem of a far more limited scope than that which exists now.

A City futures for Balfour

Political aspirations are a thing of the past for Neil Balfour, the former Euro MP who made front page news in April last year when, as the Tory candidate in the Ryedale by-election, he proclaimed: "We are at war with Libya." But perhaps it is just as well, for Balfour, aged 42, has since been more than fully occupied building up a financial services group – York Trust. Since he merged his private York Trust Holdings with USM-quoted Equity Finance Trust last May, its capitalization has mushroomed from £2.8 million to £30 million. "The merger was signed the day after the poll," says Balfour, who was once married to Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia. "If I'd won the election I would have had to have been joint managing director rather than chairman." In the past year, York has made four acquisitions, including personal finance consultants Richard Longstaff. But its most recent – LCF, the largest broker of Liffe – is perhaps its most important. It takes York into the fast-growing financial futures arena. "We think Liffe has a long way to go," Balfour says.

Those Joneses

Just two weeks after his retirement as chairman of ICI, popular Sir John Harvey-Jones has already been fulfilling his stated desire "to do something a bit different." And he is doing it the the most exalted circles. Earlier this week, he and his wife Mary joined Mrs Thatcher, husband Denis and nine other dignitaries for one of the Queen's celebrated "dine and sleep" dinner parties at Windsor Castle. The Queen holds three such parties at Windsor every April, and I am assured that a jolly time was had by all. Sir John will now be bracing himself for another, more personal celebration, tomorrow – his 63rd birthday. We wish him well.



"How many dollars to the yen this morning?"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Doing it yourself ?

Who said that New Zealanders were uninspired and lacking in business acumen? The latest piece of market awareness from the Kiwis is a firm selling do-it-yourself coffin kits for about £75 each. The kits come in five sizes and the advertising blurb says you should "store your kit at home until you need it". Each coffin takes about 10 minutes to assemble. Appropriately, the first newspaper to pick up the story is Ireland's *Eye* – "the Irish magazine for all the family" – which complains: "What they don't explain is who is going to do the assembly work."

Free phone

Before Plessey and Racal commit themselves further to the cellular telephone market they might be well advised to take note of the latest fraudulent gadget being sold on the black market in America. It is a micro-chip, with an adulterated memory which allows calls to be made free. The FBI has just arrested 18 New Yorkers – including a plumber, hairdresser, petrol station owner and diamond merchant – for manufacturing the chips, and expects it to be the first of many such cases. According to FBI, figures the fraud is already costing telephone companies across America more than $3 million a year.

Dickens of a fight

The future of the historic George and Vulture inn, tucked away in the cobbled alleyways behind Cornhill in the Square Mile, is again under threat. The 13th century coaching inn, rebuilt after the Great Fire of London in 1666, won a special place in the heart of the nation when Mr Pickwick and his manservant Sam Weller resided there in Charles Dicken's *Pickwick Papers*. In real life Dickens himself regularly entertained friends to dinner there and the quaint beamed building has since served as a hostelry to generations of City journalists and market men. Redevelopment plans by the Royal Bank of Scotland – owners of the freehold – were scotched after a three year campaign led by Cedric Dickens, the author's great-grandson. RBS was eventually "persuaded" to sell the listed building to its tenants, Trusthouse Forte, but just as their pen touched the dotted line, up popped the Church Commissioners claiming that they owned the cellars and therefore the site. "We're not quite sure how this could have happened but we're worried that THF might get fed up with it all and pull out," says an exasperated Cedric.

● **Reassuring words from Thomas Sheer, head of the FBI's New York office, on how the Mafia conducts its business: "They compete with other businesses but if they feel they are losing out, they will revert to breaking legs. True American corporate competition does not include breaking legs."**

Carol Leonard

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Preliminary results

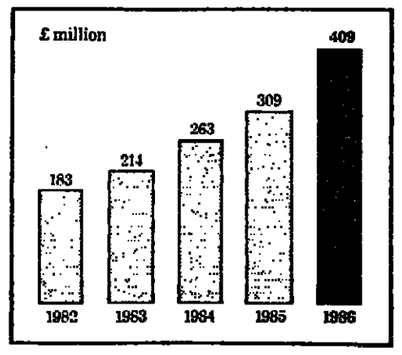
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- **27% increase in property profits**

Results at a glance

	1986	1985
Turnover	£793.2m	£812.2m
Pre-tax profit	£57.6m	£53.7m
Earnings per share	27.1p	24.5p*
Dividends paid and proposed	9.5p	8.625p

*excluding exceptional non-recurring tax credit

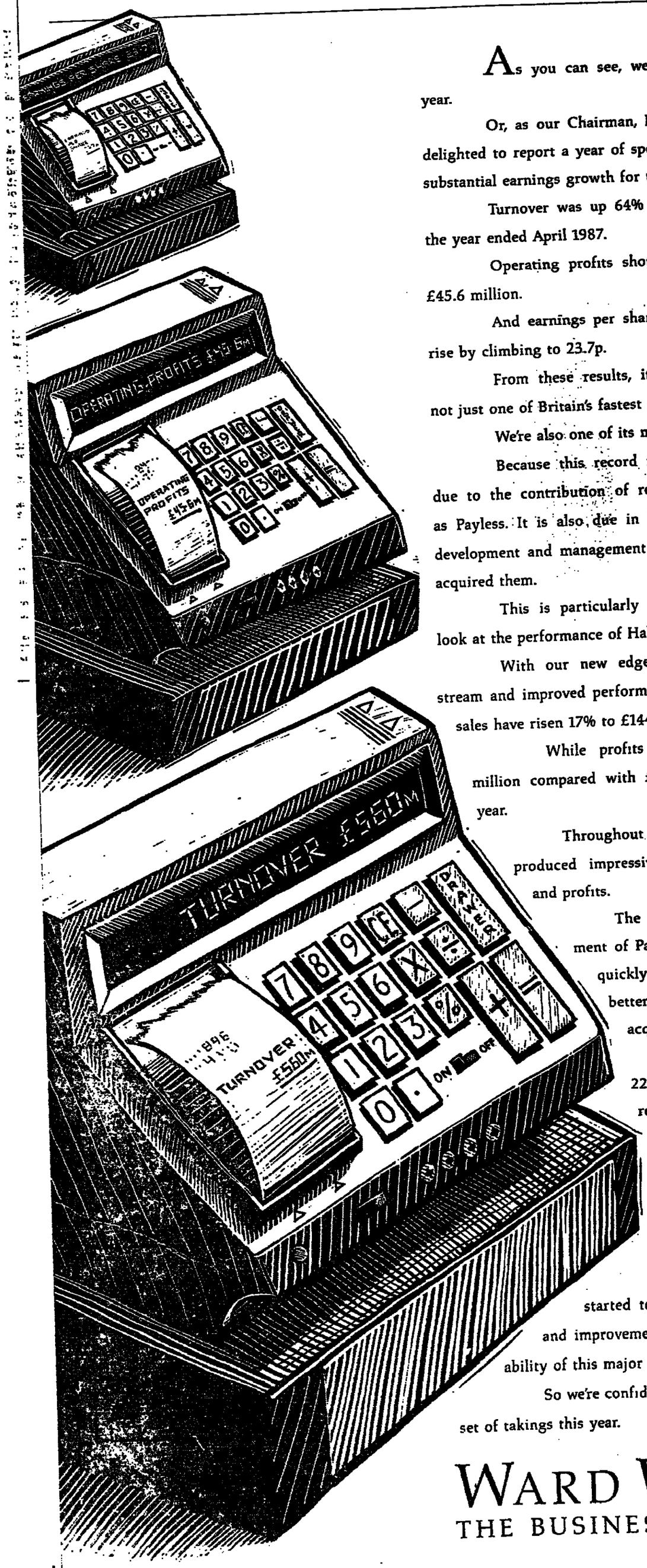
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As you can see, we've just rung up a record year.

Or, as our Chairman, Philip Birch, puts it, "I am delighted to report a year of spectacular developments and substantial earnings growth for the Group."

Turnover was up 64% to almost £560 million in the year ended April 1987.

Operating profits shot up 77% to no less than £45.6 million.

And earnings per share continued their dramatic rise by climbing to 23.7p.

From these results, it's quite obvious that we're not just one of Britain's fastest growing businesses.

We're also one of its most successful retailers.

Because this record rate of growth is not only due to the contribution of recent new acquisitions such as Payless. It is also due in large part to the successful development and management of companies once we have acquired them.

This is particularly evident for example if you look at the performance of Halfords.

With our new edge-of-town stores coming on stream and improved performance from the existing chain, sales have risen 17% to £144 million.

While profits have accelerated to £12.2 million compared with £8.5 million in the previous year.

Throughout the group, in fact, each sector produced impressive results both in turnover and profits.

The rapid expansion and development of Payless is already showing how quickly our management can produce better results from companies we acquire.

We've added 9 new stores, 228,000 square feet and produced record profits of £13.7 million in only 10 months.

In the current year, of course, our newest auto parts retailer, Whitlock, will make a major contribution to profits.

And we have already started to implement important changes and improvements designed to raise the profitability of this major U.S. chain.

So we're confident of ringing up another record set of takings this year.

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WALL STREET

Shares drop further on lower dollar and bonds

New York (Reuter) — Share prices fell in line with the dollar and bond markets in early trading yesterday.

A larger-than-expected $15.1 billion (£9.29 billion) February trade deficit exacerbated fears that the Federal Reserve would tighten credit to support the beleaguered currency, further irritating the market's interest rate vulnerability.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which tumbled 52 points on Monday in a last-minute selloff inspired by declining bond prices, fell 11.93 to 2,275.14 at one stage when the transport average was down 13.08 to 919.82 and the utilities indicator down 2.82.

Declining shares led advancing issues by a nine-two margin when volume totalled 25 million shares.

Texaco, which declined sharply on Monday after its weekend decision to seek Chapter 11 protection, gained ½ to 29.

● Nantucket Industries said it expected to report a net loss for the year to February 28 of about $1.5 million on sales of about £51 million, putting it in technical default of loan covenants.

	Apr 13	Apr 10
AMR Cp	52¾	55¼
ASA	71⅝	69
Aetna Life	58¼	61⅛
Allied Signal	45½	46⅝
Alls Chalm	2⅝	2¾
Alcoa	44¼	43⅜
Amax Inc	20½	21
AMR Hess	31⅝	32½
Am Brands	45½	47
Am Can	44½	47⅛
Am Cynmd	91⅛	82¾
Am Els Pwr	26¼	27
Amex	72⅜	72¾
Am Home	86	87
Am Motors	4¼	4¼
Am Stand	42¾	46⅜
Am Telph	24	23¾
Amoco Cp	80	82½
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅛
Asarco Inc	25¾	25¾
Ashland Oil	59¾	60
Atl Richfld	80¼	82¼
Avon Prod	31½	31⅞
Bk Boston	30	30⅜
Bank NY	39¾	40¾
Bankamer	12⅛	12¼
Bkrs Tst NY	43⅜	45¼
Beth Steel	11⅛	11⅝
Boeing	50¾	51⅜
Boise Casc	78¾	81⅞
Borden	56⅝	58⅛
Borg Warnr	49⅝	48⅝
Bnst Myer	97¼	101¼
BP	55	56⅛
Brunswick	43¾	44½
Burl Ind	52	53
Burl Nth	68¾	70
CBS	153	156½
CPC Int	50½	52¾
CSX Cp	32⅛	32¾
Cmpbell Sp	69¼	70¾
Can Pacific	16⅝	18¾
Caterpillar	47	47⅞
Centri SW	30¾	30¾
Champion	39¾	40¾
Chase Man	35	36⅞
Chem NY	42	44
Chevron	58⅝	59¼
Chrysler	53¾	54¾
Cincorp	49½	50¾
Clark Eq	22	22½
Coca Cola	45¾	46¼
Colgate	44¾	45½
Columb Gas	46¼	49½
Cmb'tn Eng	33¾	33¾
Cmwlth Edi	32¾	34¼
Cons Edis	42	42½
Cn Nat Gas	40¼	40½
Cons Pwr	18	18¼
Cont Data	31⅜	31¾
Corning Gl	61½	64
Crane	40⅝	40¾
Curtiss Wrt	59¼	59¾
Data Genl	29¾	31¾
Deere Co	27	27½
Delta Airl	54¾	56⅞
Detroit Edi	17	17¾
Digital Eq	164	168¾
Disney	62½	64¾
Dow Chem	82¾	83½
Dressr Ind	28¾	27½
Dupont	111⅛	115⅝
Duke Pwr	42⅞	42¾
East Kodak	73¾	75¾
Eaton Cp	76	79¼
Emerson El	100⅝	106½
Emery Air	12¾	12¾
Exxon	86⅞	90¼
Fed Dpt Sts	94	98¼
Firestone	36¾	37¾
Fst Chicago	26¾	27¾
Fst Int Bncp	55¾	57½
Fst Penn G	10¾	10¾
FT Washna	41½	43¾
Ford Motor	85¼	86¾
GAF Cp	49¾	50¾
GTE Cp	38	39¼
Gen Cp	117¾	118
Gn Dynam	68	69¼
Gen Elect	102	107
Gen Inst	32¾	32½
Gen Mills	47¾	48¾
Gen Motors	84¼	86
Gen Pub Ut	22¾	22¾
Genesco	4¼	4¾
Georgia Pac	47¾	49¼
Gillette	58¾	59¼
Goodrich	52¾	54¼
Goodyear	59	59¾
Gould Inc	18	17¾
Grace Co	62¾	64¾
Grt Atl Pac	34½	34¼
Greyhnd	35	35¾
Grumman	28¼	28¾
Gulf & West	75¾	78¾
Heinz	45½	46¾
Hercules	56¾	57¾
Hewlett Pk	53	54¾
Honeywell	71½	73¾
IC Ind	32¾	33¾
ITT Cp	57¾	60¼
INCO	18	17¾
Ingersoll	78¼	79¾
Inland Steel	26¼	27¼
IBM	147¾	145
Int Paper	105¾	110¾
Irving Bk	43¾	44¾
Jhsn & Jhsn	89	90¼
K Mart Cp	61¼	62¾
Kaiser Alum	17¾	18
Kerr McGee	34	34¾
Kimbl Clark	110½	111
Kraft	56¾	57¾
Kroger	32½	33¾
LTV Cp	3½	3¾
Litton	88¾	89¾
Lockheed	51	50¾
Lucky Str	30½	30¾
Man H'nver	41¾	42¾
Manvlle	2¾	2¾
Mapco	62¼	63
Marine Mid	45	45
Mr Marrieta	48¾	50¼
Masco	35¾	37¾
Mcdonalds	76¾	78¾
McDonnell	78	80¼
Mead Cp	65¾	68½
Merck	160	162¾
Minsts Mng	128½	132¼
Mobil	47¾	48¾
Monsanto	82¾	85¾
Morgan Jp	41¾	42¾
Motorola	55¾	58
NCR	65½	65¾
NL Indstrs	7	7¾
Nat Distil	63¾	64½
Nat Md Ent	28	28¾
Nat Sems	13¾	14¼
Norfolk Sth	30¾	31¼
NW Bancrp	37	37¾
Occid Petl	33¾	33¾
Ogden Cp	64½	65¾
Olin Cp	49¾	50¼
PPG Ind	42	44¼
Pac Gas El	21	21¼
Pan Am	4½	4¾
Penney JC	97	98½
Pennzoil	78½	92½
Pepsico	30½	33
Pfizer	69¾	72
Phelps Dod	29¾	30¾
Philip Mor	86¾	88¾
Philip Pet	15¾	15¾
Polaroid	71¾	72¾
Procd Gmble	89¼	92¾
Pub Svc Eg	37¾	37¾
Raytheon	75¾	78¾
Rynlds Met	67¾	66¼
Rockwell Int	56¼	59
Royal Dutch	119¼	121½
SFE Sopac	36¼	38¼
Sara Lee	45	45¾
Schlumb	40¾	41¾
Scott Pap	74¼	74¾
Seagram	73¾	75¾
Sears Roeb	50¾	53¾
Shell Trans	74¾	75¾
Singer	47¾	47¾
Smithkln Bk	104	107¾
Sony Cp	18¼	19¾
Sth Cal Edi	29¾	29¾
SW Bell	104½	106
Std Oil	70¾	71
Steri Drug	51¾	51¾
Stevens JP	43¾	45¾
Sun Comp	65¾	67
TRW Inc	100	103
Teledyne	327¾	330
Tenneco	47	48
Texaco	28¾	31¾
Tex Eastn	35¾	35½
Tex Inst	196	199¾
Tex Util	31¼	31¾
Textron	64¾	66¾
Travelers	44¼	46¼
UAL Inc	71¾	72¾
USG	39¾	40¾
USX Cp	27¾	27¾
Unilever NV	286	292
Un Carbide	28¾	28¾
Un Pac Cp	73	74¾
Unisys Cp	101¾	102¾
Utd Brands	46¾	47¾
Utd Tech	48¼	48¾
Unocal	38¾	38
Walter Jim	52	55
Warn Lamb	71½	72¾
Wells Far	45¾	47¾
Westg El	62¾	63¾
Weyerhsr	55	57¾
Whirlpool	37¾	39¾
Woolworth	48¾	50¾
Xerox Cp	71¾	75¾
Zenith	25½	25¾

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	43	42
Alcan Alum	54¼	54¾
Algoma Stl	16¾	16¾
Can Pacific	24¼	24¾
Comlnco	18	18¼
Con Bathrst	19	19
Hawk S Can	27¾	27¾
Hud Bay M	28	28¾
Imasco	38¼	38
Imperial Oil	68	68½
Int Pipe	49¾	49
Royl Trstco	36¾	37
Seagram	95¾	96½
Shelco 'A'	25¾	25½
Thmsn N 'A'	31¼	31¾
Varity Cp	2.80	2.75
WCT	17¼	17¾
Weston	38½	39

Telerentals sales near £100m

Telephone Rentals earned more than £50 million in rental income for the first time in its history last year. The group, which claims to be Britain's second biggest provider of telecommunications equipment for rent, achieved sales of £97.9 million in 1986, compared with £75.5 million in the previous 12 months.

Pretax profits rose from £15.7 million to £17.2 million and the group forecasts a further advance in the current year. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 5p, lifting the total from 7p to 7.75p. Earnings per share were 12.64p, against 13.41p.

Order intake for both rentals and sale of equipment continued at a high level both in Britain and overseas. The tax charge, which rose from £5.1 million to £6.8 million, would continue at a high level due to the phased reduction in capital allowances, but not to the extent seen in 1986. The following year should bring a return to more normal levels.



Garfield Weston, chairman of Fortnum & Mason

In brief

● FORTNUM & MASON: A final dividend of 36p, making 41p (39p) will be paid for the 53 weeks to January 31. With figures in £000: Pretax profit 996 (1,025). Tax 370 (439). Earnings per share 145p (136p).

● FROST GROUP: Dividend 2.75p (4.5p) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover (excluding VAT): 58,947 (89,310). Pretax profit 1,902 (1,407). Earnings per share 10.67p (9.30p).

● FOLKES GROUP: Total dividend 1.5p (1.4p) for 1986. With figures in £000: (comparisons restated): Turnover 58,299 (62,255). Pretax profits 2,400 (1,872). Earnings per share 4.50p (3.63p). Net assets per share after incorporating the 1979 industrial property revaluation 58.1p (57.3p).

● BELGRAVE HOLDINGS: Precis (566) has agreed to acquire 4.47 million ordinary shares (29.9 per cent) from Naaz Holdings at 235p each. Precis is acting in concert with Lrksila Investments SA, which already holds 4.47 million shares (29.9 per cent). The combined holdings of Precis and Larksila will total 8.94 million shares (59.9 per cent).

● MERLIN INTERNATIONAL PROPERTIES: Results for 1986, compared with the period to December 31, 1985. Dividend 0.65p (0.625p). Pretax profit £312,468 (£230,274). Earnings per share 2.18p (1.65p).

● BSG INTERNATIONAL: A final dividend of 0.89p will be paid on July 1, making 1.37p (1.1p) for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 475,500 (356,000). Pretax profit 11,820 (6,517). Earnings per share 6.0p (3.7p).

● CHRISTIAN SALVESEN: The group is to expand its core food-related business and has conditionally acquired Stowtime Ltd of Buxton, Derbyshire. The price is £1.43 million in cash and shares.

● DRG: The group has sold to Field Packaging, part of Reed International, DRG Lairds Packaging for about £2.5 million in cash. Lairds Packaging of East Kilbride, Scotland, mainly supplies the Scotch whisky industry. It has a turnover of about £10 million and employs 290 people.

● CHRISTY HUNT: Conditional agreement has been reached with Majorgraph, which is owned by Mr I Davis and Mr H White, for the acquisition of Taylor Tunnicliff. The price will comprise 2.7 million new ordinary shares and 1.3 million new redeemable convertible deferred shares. Taylor makes domestic, electrical, technical and industrial ceramics.

● ANGLO NORDIC HOLDINGS: The recommended partial offer by FL Smidth (Holdings) to acquire up to 9.5 million ordinary shares, has been accepted for 11.7 million shares (about 35.8 per cent of the ordinary capital). The scaling-down arrangements will be implemented.

● McLEOD RUSSEL: Agreement has been reached in principle with Mendip Ltd, a company belonging to a consortium of European investors, including George Williamson and Co, with interests in the tea trade for the merger of McLeod's Indian interests with Mendip. Mendip will acquire 80 per cent of McLeod's tea interests in India.

● GENERAL ACCIDENT: The company has bought Jackson and Jackson, an auctioneer and estate agent, based at Lymington, Hampshire. Jackson operates through four offices. This acquisition brings General Accident's total estate agency outlets to 254.

New Wardle offer of £62m rejected

By Michael Tate

Wardle Storeys, the acquisitive plastics group, has raised its contested offer by a sixth, to £62.3 million, for Chamberlain Phipps, the shoemaker and adhesives manufacturer.

The new and final offer — seven Wardle shares for every 20 Chamberlain — was rejected by the Chamberlain board, a response described Mr Brian Taylor, managing director of Wardle Storeys, as "mindless."

He said the Chamberlain board had again refused to speak to him and suggested that it "must have had the rejection statement prepared before seeing our new terms."

Chamberlain shares are being valued at 171p by the share exchange terms but holders have the option of taking a mixture of shares and convertible stock, worth 166.1p a share, or a cash payment of 161.3p a share.

This compares with 89p before Wardle began buying shares earlier this year. It represents also 19.2 years' earnings at the level forecast for 1986-87.

The new offer, which could give Chamberlain shareholders up to 34.4 per cent of the Wardle equity, closes on May 1.

APPOINTMENTS

Conder Group names its next chairman

Conder Group: Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith joins the board and will succeed Mr RT Cole as group chairman on May 29.

Estates & General Investments: Mr Barry Clegg joins the board as property director, Mr David Cull as finance director and Mr Philip Clayton as a director.

Pilkington Brothers: Mr Derek Cook has been appointed deputy chairman.

Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company: Mr Timothy Wood becomes managing director and chief executive officer of Continental Bank in Brussels.



Christopher Stewart-Smith

Quadrex Securities: Mr David Prior becomes a director.

ATS Communications: Mr Tony Kinsella has been promoted to managing director.

Chemical Industries Association: Mr John Cox is director-general designate.

Reserve Asset Managers: Mr Anthony Norris has been made a director.

Standard Chartered Bank Ireland: Mr J Roche becomes chairman.

Stewart Newiss: Mr Reginald Newiss becomes group chairman, Mr Julian Newiss and Mr Keith Martindale joint group managing directors, Mr Roger Brown group finance director and company secretary, and Mr Martin Butterworth, Mr Barry Clarke and Mr Chris Robbins join the board.

Cullinet: Mr Jon Nackerud is vice-president, technology.

Cardiff Bay Development Corporation: Mr Geoffrey Inkin becomes chairman.

Wimpey Group: Mr Frank Kennedy is named divisional director for overseas civil and buildings operations, Mr Bob Sutton divisional director of overseas private development, timeshare and leisure activities and Mr Peter Grey divisional marketing director.

The Harris & Dixon Group: Mr Bernard Coe becomes group chairman.

BTP: Mr S Hannam joins the chemicals division board.

Occupational Pensions Board: Miss Harriet Dawes is now on the board.

The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society: Mr Robert Erith and Dr Norman Wooding have become non-executive directors.

Security Pacific Hoare Govett Equity Ventures: Mr AEB Wiegman has been made managing director, with Mr Richard West as chairman, and Mr Robert Lindemann and Mr David Carter as executive directors.

Wimpey Dubilier: Mr Brian Hewett is marketing director.

Matthew Hall Engineering Holdings: Mr Bob Lintott is a non-executive director.

Danfoss: Mr Brian Atkinson becomes managing director.

Philips Business Sytems: Mr John Bunce is divisional director.

Watts Blake Bearne & Co: Mr Ingram Lenton joins the board.

Kingsway Public Relations: Mr Alasdair Sutherland has been made deputy managing director.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 14	Market rates close April 14	1 month	3 months
N York	1.8270-1.8320	1.8300-1.8310	0.44-0.41prem	1.13-1.06prem
Montreal	2.2232-2.1547	2.1518-2.1547	0.58-0.48prem	1.35-1.23prem
Amsterdam	3.8083-3.8189	3.8138-3.8183	1⅜-1⅛prem	3⅜-3⅛prem
Brussels	60.74-60.90	60.78-60.90	18-12prem	49-35prem
C'phgen	11.0671-11.1120	11.0726-11.1120	⅝prem-¾dis	par-¼dis
Dublin	1.0233-1.1019	1.1001-1.1010	2¼-25dis	59-69dis
Frankfurt	2.3335-2.9425	2.3373-2.9415	1⅝-1¾prem	4¾-4¾prem
Lisbon	226.39-228.48	227.38-228.34	68-154dis	298-418dis
Madrid	206.48-206.89	206.60-206.89	83-100dis	265-300dis
Milan	2091.10-2098.58	2093.74-2098.28	3-1prem	5prem-par
Oslo	10.9929-11.0494	10.994-11.0337	3¼-4¼dis	12-13¼dis
Paris	9.7620-9.7860	9.7719-9.7860	1¾-1¼prem	4¼-3¼prem
St'kholm	10.2331-10.2709	10.2331-10.2508	⅛-⅜prem	1-1¼prem
Tokyo	229.81-230.45	228.69-230.38	1⅜-1¼prem	3¼-3¼prem
Vienna	20.21-20.67	20.63-20.66	11⅛-9⅝prem	29⅛-27prem
Zurich	2.4225-2.4298	2.4253-2.4292	1⅛-1¼prem	3¼-3⅛prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 72.0 (day's range 71.9-72.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	2.5046-2.5160
Australia dollar	2.2536-2.2582
Bahrain dinar	0.6115-0.6155
Brazil cruzado	38.0920-38.3065
Cyprus pound	0.7680-0.7780
Finland marka	7.1510-7.1910
Greece drachma	214.70-216.70
Hong Kong dollar	12.7219-12.7306
India rupee	20.70-20.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4390-0.4430
Malaysia dollar	4.0288-4.0331
Mexico peso	1850.0-1900.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8073-2.8140
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.8650-6.1250
Singapore dollar	3.4770-3.4809
S Africa rand (fin)	4.7925-4.8572
S Africa rand (com)	3.2512-3.2598
U A E dirham	53980-5.9960
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4840-1.4860
Singapore	2.1325-2.1335
Malaysia	2.4710-2.4720
Australia	0.7225-0.7235
Canada	1.3175-1.3190
Sweden	6.2800-6.2850
Norway	6.7430-6.7480
Denmark	6.7850-6.7900
West Germany	1.8017-1.8027
Switzerland	1.4865-1.4875
Netherlands	2.0315-2.0325
France	5.9940-5.9990
Japan	140.90-141.00
Italy	1284.0-1285.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.27-37.32
Hong Kong	7.8025-7.8030
Portugal	138.50-139.50
Spain	126.85-126.75
Austria	12.64-12.66

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,400	English China	355	Rank Org	554
Amstrad	625	Fisons	593	Rank Hovis	5,400
Argyll	2,600	Gen Accident	542	Redland	2,400
ASDA-MFI	1,800	GEC	7,800	Reckitt Colman	547
Ass Br Foods	1,100	Glaxo	3,700	Reed Int	538
BET	482	Globe IT	813	Reuters	1,800
BTR	5,200	Granada	1,700	RMC Group	677
BAT	4,600	Grand Met	1,000	RTZ	2,400
Barclays	995	GUS 'A'	70	Rowntree	469
Bass	935	GRE	276	Royal B of Scot	541
Beecham	1,300	GKN	803	Royal Ins	1,100
Blue Circle	3,000	Guinness	12,000	Sainsbh	338
BOC	1,100	Hanson	12,000	Sainsbury (J)	2,000
Boots	4,700	Hawker Siddeley	647	Sears	2,200
BPB Ind	1,400	Hillsdown	12,000	Sedgwck Gp	3,500
BPCC	717	Imp Chem Ind	2,300	Shell	4,400
Br Aerospace	789	Imp Cont Gas	503	Smith & Nephew	3,000
Br Airways	13,000	Jaguar	2,000	STC	3,000
Bnt Comm	657	Ladbroke	1,000	Stan Chart	545
Br Gas	43,000	Land Securities	1,000	Storehouse	2,400
Br Petroleum	6,700	Legal & Gen	1,200	Sun Alliance	1,300
Br Telecom	15,000	Lloyds	1,600	Tarmac	348
Britol	989	Lonhro	900	TSB P/P	3,800
Bunzl	234	Marks & Spencer	7,800	Tesco	1,800
Burton	2,300	MEPC	982	Thorn EMI	825
Cable & Wireless	11,000	Midland	1,200	Trafalgar House	851
Cadbury Schwep	3,900	Nat West	2,100	Trusthouse Forte	4,900
Coats Viyella	832	P & O Dfrd	356	Unigate	542
Com Union	2,500	Pearson	713	Unilever	552
Cons Goldfields	1,100	Pilkington Bros	715	Utd Biscuits	3,700
Cookson Gp	595	Plessey	7,000	Wellcome	2,900
Courtaulds	1,600	Prudential	1,300	Whitbread 'A'	71
Dee Corp	2,100	Racal Elect	4,200	Woolworth	1,000
Dixons Gp	1,200				

Stock prices on page 25

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	174
Artours (180p)	189 -2
Br Airways (aa)	135 +3
Burford (80p)	165 -1
Camb Instr (130p)	130
Capital Radio (105p)	170 -4
Castle Comm (200p)	216
Cundell New (125p)	148 -5
Dale Group (110p)	125
Filofax	160
Hornby (100p)	111 -2
JSB Elec (115p)	126 -2
Lon & Metro (145p)	245 -3
MIL (144p)	195
March Gp	123 -2
Mallett (120p)	188 -3
Melville (114p)	126 +1
Mercury Asset	298 -2
Misys PLC (95p)	128
Nobo (152p)	176 +1
Perpetual (180p)	188
RCO (95p)	100
Regina H Beauty (20p)	42 -2
Reliance Sec	166
Sanders Sydney (100p)	143 -2
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	235 -6
Sinclair G S (90p)	107 +3
TSB Group (100p)	80¾ -1¼
Virgin (140p)	164 -1
Watergrade (140p)	178 -3
Wilson Bowden (130p)	135
Wyevale New (120p)	189 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone F/P	72 +1
City Site Est F/P	£117
DPCE N/P	36
Iceland N/P	37½ -1½
Ladbroke F/P	400 -2
Nash Inds N/P	85 -3
Pict Pet F/P	36 -1
Widney F/P	42

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Apr 13	May 1	Jul 23	Aug 8

Call options were taken out on: 14/4/87 Amstrad, Cassory, Samson, J Israel, CASE Group, Silentnight, Themes Mining, Ryan Intnl., Ellis & Goldstein, Dominion Intnl., Raglan, Morgan Grenfell, Marks & Spencer, Eglinton, Marshall Loxley, TV-AM, Cons. Gold, Whim Creek, CH Bailey, Parkdale, Benlox, Argyll Group, Norfolk Capital, Pavlon, Associated British Eng., Polly Peck, Northern Eng., Conroy Pets., Carless Capel, Fisons, Rivlin, Feedex, Cronite, Astra Inds., Raine, Bardsey, THF, JFB, Eagle Trust, Ultramar, Property Trust, Ratners, American Business Systems.
Put & Call: Amstrad.

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	390	420	+20
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	29	32	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	120	130	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Commercial	56	60	n/c
68	24	Corton Beach	62	67	-1
190	121	Edenspring Inv	185	195	+5
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	42	44	n/c
41	8	Do. Warrants	25	27	-1
29	17	Publishing Holdings	27	29	-1
57½	46	Theme Holdings	49	52	n/c
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9
Week fixed: 9%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 9¾; 3 mnth 9 11/16
Selling: 2 mnth 9¾; 3 mnth 9¾

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 27/32-9 23/32; 2 mnth 9¾-9 11/16
3 mnth 9 21/32-9 15/32; 6 mnth 9¾-9¼

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¾; 2 mnth 10¾
3 mnth 10 5/16; 6 mnth 10

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9¾ close 10
1 week 9¾-9¾; 6 mnth 9¾-9 13/16
1 mnth 9 15/16-9 12/16; 9 mnth 9 15/16-9 13/16
3 mnth 9 15/16-9 12/16; 12 mth 9 15/16-9 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾; 7 days 9½
1 mnth 9¾; 3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 9¼; 12 mth 9¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10 1/16-9 13/16; 2 mnth 10 1/32-9 13/16
3 mnth 10-9¾; 6 mnth 9¾-9½
9 mnth 9 13/16-9 5/16; 12 mth 9 13/16-9 5/8

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9¾-9¾; 3 mnth 9¾-9¾
6 mnth 9¾-9¾; 12 mth 9¾-9¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.90-6.85; 3 mnth 7.05-7.00
6 mnth 7.15-7.10; 12 mth 7.55-7.50

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¼-5¼
7 days	6¾-6 13/16	1 mnth	7-6⅝
3 mnth	7 1/16-7 1/16	6 mnth	7¾-7⅝
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¼
7 days	3 15/16-3 15/16	1 mnth	4-3¾
3 mnth	4-3¾	6 mnth	4-3¾
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	8¾-7¾	1 mnth	8¼-8⅛
3 mnth	8 5/16-8 1/16	6 mnth	8¾-8¼
Swiss Franc		call	1¾-⅞
7 days	1¾-1⅝	1 mnth	3¼-3⅛
3 mnth	3¼-3⅛	6 mnth	3¾-3⅝
Yen		call	4¼-3¼
7 days	4 3/16-4 1/16	1 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16
3 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16	6 mnth	4 3/16-4 1/16

BULLION

Gold: $442.50-443.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 446.00-449.00 (£273.50-275.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 105.00-106.50 (£64.25-65.25)
Platinum
$ 591.75 (£362.50)
Silver
$ 7.0600-7.0900 (£4.3300-4.3500)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period February 28, 1987 to March 31, 1987 inclusive: 10.053 per cent.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

RMC

Preliminary Announcement

Year ended 31st December 1986

Financial Highlights

	1986 £m	1985 £m
Turnover	1633.5	1363.8
Operating Profit	115.3	90.7
Profit before Taxation	108.5	79.7
Earnings per share	61.0p	45.3p

Proposed final dividend of 12.5p (1985 9.4p) making an increase for the year of 25%.
Proposed one-for-one scrip issue.

The 1986 Annual Report will be posted to shareholders on 11th May 1987.
To reserve a copy, telephone 01-890 1313.

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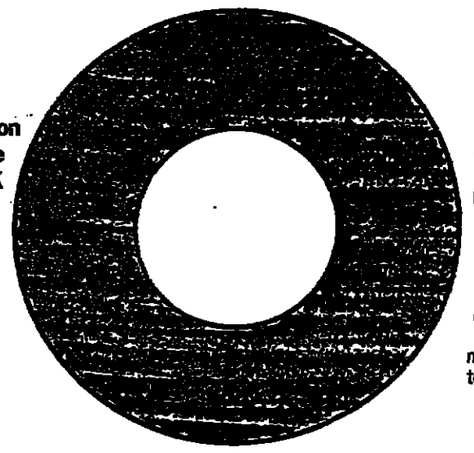
Benefits of Investment show through

● Group profits reflect the benefits of further expansion in the United States and the completion of the major UK investment programme.

● US interests continued to prosper from a generally high level of demand and from increased operating efficiencies.

● UK cement operations produced a much stronger performance in the second half which has continued into 1987; property development also made a significant contribution.

● Since the end of the year disposal of the group's interests in Australia and Spain has realised £148 million.



UK OPERATIONS

Improved profits from cement operations reflected the benefits of the major investment programme largely completed in 1986. These measures will result in improved cash generation. With modern and strategically located plants, coupled with a network of distribution depots, Blue Circle is well placed to benefit from the new situation following the recent termination of the Common Price and Marketing Arrangement.

	1986	1985	% change
Turnover	£1098.0m	£947.2m	+16
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£127.0m	£116.9m	+9
Group share of profit after tax and before extraordinary items	£98.6m	£83.7m	+18
Earnings per £1 ordinary share before extraordinary items	76.7 pence	67.7 pence	+13
Final dividend	17.0 pence	15.0 pence	+13

US OPERATIONS

The Group's interests now constitute one of the major building materials businesses in the USA with a turnover approaching US$ 700 million, and cement operations experienced output levels close to capacity. The successful integration of both Atlantic Cement and Williams' Bros has strengthened Blue Circle's position in the market throughout the Eastern States. The Group also acquired Johnson-Stewart-Johnson, a readymix concrete and aggregate producer in Arizona.

Elsewhere overseas the Group's operations performed strongly, for the most part.

Blue Circle
ON THE MOVE, INTERNATIONALLY

The Report and Accounts will be posted to Shareholders on 6 May 1987 and copies will be available from The Secretary at: Blue Circle Industries PLC, Portland House, Aldermaston, Berks RG7 4HP

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Lines)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.4	118.9⊕	+0.2	10.05
High Inc Equity	115.9	123.2⊕		4.22
Worldwide Bond	195.8	208.1	-0.5	4.66
American Growth	170.6	181.3	-0.3	1.56
Asian Pacific	98.3	72.6	-0.3	3.95
Assets & Earns	140.1	148.9	-1.0	1.53
Capital Reserve	70.5	71.0⊕	-0.3	1.42
Comm & Energy	160.0	170.2⊕	+4.2	0.40
European Capital	98.1	102.2⊕	-0.7	2.74
General	158.1	168.1	-0.9	2.88
Japan	87.2	92.7	-2.1	
UK Grown Inc	142.8	152.0⊕	-0.4	1.16
Do Accum	207.6	220.8⊕	-0.5	0.80
US Emerging Co's	58.1	61.8	-0.2	1.76
Equities Progress	255.1	271.3	-1.5	2.50
Missenden Inc	79.0	84.0	-0.2	4.70
American Inc	52.6	55.9		
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Australian	88.9	94.1	+2.5	
Europe Growth Acc	119.2	126.9⊕	-1.1	1.23
Exempt	268.7	285.6	-2.1	4.27
Far Eastern	231.2	236.5⊕	-3.4	0.10
Fin & Prop	89.5	95.1	-0.4	2.08
High Yield	69.8	73.6⊕	-0.3	4.81
Income & Gth	297.0	314.5⊕	-2.7	3.39
Intl Earnings	189.1	200.3⊕	-1.3	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	96.3	104.7⊕	-1.0	
Japan Growth Acc	943.3	999.3⊕	-8.3	3.90
Nat Resources Inc	300.4	319.9⊕	+0.4	0.61
Nth Amer Gth Inc	131.7	140.9	-0.8	0.69
Preference Inc	118.9	126.0⊕	+0.1	9.69
Small Co's Div Inc	81.3	86.1	-0.3	4.96
Small Co's Gth	264.7	281.6	+0.2	1.26
Special Sits Inc	161.8	171.4	-2.7	2.59
UK Grown	386.1	409.0⊕	-2.7	2.59
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 610366 & 0793 20291				
UK Special Sits	272.5	288.6⊕	-3.9	2.77
Growth & Income	153.3	162.5⊕	-0.8	3.16
Capital Trust	256.5	271.9⊕	-3.3	2.56
Balanced	42.5	44.7⊕	-0.3	3.26
Accum Trust	636.5	673.6	-3.2	2.82
American Income	31.7	33.6	-0.2	4.41
High Income Tst	292.6	311.2⊕	-2.8	4.17
Equity Income	169.1	179.2	-0.6	4.79
High Yield	171.4	181.7c	-0.6	4.83
Gilt Secs Trust	29.2	30.9⊕	-0.1	0.96
International	100.9	107.5	-0.4	
Japan Fund	140.3	149.4	-1.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	231.9	236.5	-2.5	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	69.6	74.1⊕	-0.3	1.28
Spcls Of Amer Tst	225.9	239.6	-2.6	0.48
Mid Asset Value	280.2	297.0	-0.3	2.52
Conv & Gilt Trust	39.8	42.1⊕	-0.2	5.61
Smaller Co's	174.9	185.4	-0.2	2.35
2nd Smaller Co's	218.8	231.7⊕	-1.1	1.73
Recovery Trust	101.6	107.7⊕	-0.5	2.40
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Crowswell Street, London EC1				
01-374 6801				
American	50.8	54.1	-2.1	1.84
Australian	28.6	30.5	+1.0	1.29
Japan & General	135.9	144.6	-0.7	0.02
High Income	82.1	86.4	-0.7	5.34
International Trust	97.5	103.8	+0.9	0.75
Income Gth Tst	99.9	93.1	-1.1	3.13
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.5	23.2⊕	-0.1	8.46
Special Markets	38.1	40.6	-1.2	4.47
Special Situations	59.8	63.7	-1.2	1.57
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	93.5	98.9	-0.5	0.82
Aust & Overseas	266.3	287.7	+4.7	0.29
Do Income	187.3	198.8	+3.1	0.29
Capital	81.9	86.6	-0.4	2.52
Exempt Trust	5118.8	548.9c	-5.5	3.54
Extra Income	90.7	95.9⊕	-0.4	4.82
Financial	266.3	282.4	-2.2	2.78
500	331.3	350.5⊕	-1.9	2.48
General	164.7	174.4⊕	-0.7	2.78
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.6	57.4⊕	-0.1	9.54
Japan & Gen Inc	218.4	228.9⊕	-1.4	0.60
Do Acc	218.8	231.5⊕	-1.4	0.60
Growth Accum	218.8	219.2⊕	-1.4	2.03
Income Trust	402.1	425.4	-3.9	3.41
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD				
01-658 9002				
Australia	105.0	112.2	+2.8	0.30
Eastern	84.1	89.9⊕	-0.2	0.60
Equity Income	68.9	72.2c	-0.2	4.50
Europe	139.9	147.8	-0.5	1.60
Exempt Trust	23.7	25.2⊕	-0.2	0.75
Growth & Inc	71.9	76.4	-1.4	2.50
Global Gth	67.9	72.5	-0.3	1.20
Japan Special	113.1	120.9	-1.9	0.10
Japan Smaller	101.7	108.7⊕	-1.2	0.00
First Eurooe	119.8	128.4	-1.5	0.80
First Japan	83.6	89.6	-0.4	0.60
First N Amer	51.2	54.5	-0.5	1.10
First Smaller Co's	90.6	96.3c	-0.7	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	65.2	68.6	-0.5	0.00
Do Accum	66.9	70.5	-0.6	0.00
European Inc	101.9	107.3	-0.1	1.74
Do Accum	125.8	132.7	-0.1	1.74
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	25.2	27.5⊕	-0.1	1.67
Do Accum	33.7	35.5	-0.2	1.67
General Inc	197.8	208.7	-4.7	1.89
Do Accum	273.4	288.4	-6.4	1.89
Gilt Yield Inc	111.9	115.3	-0.4	10.62
Global Inc	157.5	166.2		4.25
Do Accum	268.8	284.6		4.25
Do Accum	195.7	201.8	-0.6	10.62
High Yield Inc	112.1	118.2⊕	-1.4	4.33
Do Accum	229.8	242.4	-2.9	4.33
Inc Rec Inc	124.2	131.0	-1.8	1.90
Do Accum	131.2	138.4	-1.8	1.90
Japan Inc	252.1	266.0	-3.5	0.55
Do Accum	253.9	267.4	-3.5	0.55
Japanese Spec Inc	114.2	120.5⊕	-1.4	0.30
Do Accum	114.9	121.2⊕	-1.4	0.30
N American Inc	59.6	62.7	-0.1	0.63
Do Accum	64.6	68.2	-0.2	0.63
Pacific Inc	134.9	163.4⊕	-2.4	0.35
Do Accum	175.3	184.9	-2.6	0.35
Planned Investment	157.7	166.8		3.47
Smaller Co's Inc	110.9	117.0	-0.7	0.80
Do Accum	152.2	139.5	-0.7	0.80
Smaller Inc A	34.3	36.2	-0.8	0.25
UK Equity Gth Inc	57.0	60.1	-0.9	0.25
Do Accum	57.0	60.1	-0.9	0.25
Wordwide Tech Inc	50.5	53.3⊕	-0.6	0.28
Do Accum	51.0	53.6	-0.6	0.28
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	171.9	182.9⊕	+0.8	2.13
Smaller Co's Acc	329.5	347.7⊕	-1.7	0.80
Do Income	208.4	220.5⊕	-1.1	0.80
High Income	89.7	86.9⊕	-0.5	5.02
Income	95.6	101.7⊕	-0.3	4.12
Main Portfolio Inc	96.0	101.5	-0.5	4.27
Do Acc	147.4	156.8	-1.2	2.27
North American	63.0	67.1	-0.6	1.32
Orient	93.9	98.8	-1.6	0.39
Exempt	284.7	302.9	-0.5	1.25
Recovery	69.4	69.2	-0.5	1.25
German	90.1	95.8	-1.2	0.46
Technology	147.8	157.3c	+1.0	0.30
Europe	73.6	78.3⊕	-0.2	0.75
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	61.9	65.8⊕	-0.5	2.00
General Inc (4)	290.6	305.5		1.86
Do Accum (4)	488.0	492.8		1.86
Income Fund (3)	127.7	134.0c		4.69
Do Accum (3)	228.1	239.3c		4.69
Ind Inc (2)	162.7	169.5		0.92
Do Accum (2)	203.6	212.7		0.92
Smaller Inc (5)	85.8	89.8⊕		1.25
Do Accum	91.4	96.5⊕		1.25
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO				
01-621 0011				
Capital	433.1	460.2⊕	-2.8	1.56
Income	337.2	358.6⊕	-1.6	4.48
North American	318.3	338.7⊕	-1.4	0.74
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	484.3	•		3.90
Fixed Int	147.75	•		9.69
Deposit	100.0	•		10.55
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	443.48			4.40
Accum	£13,3437			
Deposit	100.0			9.75
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373383				
Amer Growth	28.1	27.7⊕		1.90
Dragon Growth Fund	24.1	25.6	-0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	53.9	57.1⊕	-0.3	3.60
European Growth	30.9	32.8	-0.4	2.10
General Equity	48.1	51.0⊕	-0.1	2.10
Gvt & Fixed Int Gth	21.3	23.0		9.50
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.5	24.8⊕	-0.1	9.50
Ind Inc Trst	25.5	27.0⊕	-0.1	0.00
Japan Growth	41.1	43.5	-0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.6	31.4	-0.4	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DO				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	55.9	59.5	-0.3	2.75
Do Accum	55.2	58.8		2.75
Income Inc	55.2	58.8	-0.3	4.03
Do Accum	55.2	58.8		4.03
Worldwide Inc	54.1	57.6	-0.3	1.59
Do Accum	54.4	57.9		1.59
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1699				
E uro G rth S trat	75.7	80.2	-0.4	0.66
Extra Income	211.2	223.5⊕	+0.7	2.13
Financial	212.5	225.0	+0.1	1.90
Sm East Asia Grth	78.3	84.0⊕	+0.1	1.90
Growth Investment	34.3	36.2	-1.9	2.11
Income & Growth	49.2	52.2	-0.3	3.71
Japan Growth	267.2	272.1	+7.8	0.48
High Income	120.0	127.6	-0.1	0.67
Nth Amer Growth	147.8	156.4	-1.4	0.03
Ind Recovery	147.8	156.4	-1.8	1.23
Smaller Co's	229.8	310.7		0.58
Global Inc Trst	64.8	68.6⊕		5.38
Special Sits Acc	364.7	386.0	-3.4	1.18
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
American Trust	140.6	149.6	-0.9	0.67
European Trust	126.6	134.7⊕	+0.1	
Growth Trust	258.0	295.4	-1.7	2.52
High Income Trust	295.0	313.8⊕	-1.4	4.76
Intl Tech Trust	125.0	134.0	-1.1	
Japanese Trust	184.5	196.3⊕	-1.8	
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Regina, Surrey RH2 6BL				
07373 42404				
UK Income	56.4	60.1⊕	-0.8	4.72
UK Growth Accum	66.0	70.3⊕	-1.0	2.41
Do Dist	65.1	69.3⊕	-1.0	3.41
European Growth	69.9	74.6	-0.5	1.86
Pacific Growth	68.5	72.9	-0.7	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	72.6	77.3	-0.5	1.29
Capital Fund	133.2	141.8	-0.5	1.26
Eurofund	27.5	29.2	-0.1	1.71
Growth & Inc Fund	161.2	171.6	-1.0	3.64
Hgh Dist Fund	143.6	152.9	-0.9	4.41
International Fund	229.8	244.8	-1.6	0.92
Pacific Fund	24.5	26.0	-0.1	0.66
Resources Fund	32.8	37.9⊕	+1.0	0.27
Smlr Cap Co's Fnd	31.5	33.5	-0.3	
Tokyo Fund	215.6	229.8	-3.0	0.00
(Ea) Amer (2)	153.1	157.3⊕		0.00
(Ea) Japan (3)	122.8	126.1		0.16
(Ea) Pacific (4)	353.0	373.0⊕		0.25
(Ea) Smaller Jap (4)	187.3	192.4		0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	85.7	90.9	-0.4	2.61
Do Accum	87.8	93.2	-0.4	2.61
UK Growth Accum	116.0	123.1	-0.9	1.97
UK High Inc Inc	89.6	95.1	-0.2	3.67
N American Accum	76.2	81.3	+0.1	0.68
Far Eastern Accum	128.1	136.6	-1.7	0.14
European Accum	90.8	96.9	+0.4	1.19
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	56.6	60.1	+0.4	7.67
Do Accum	60.2	63.9		
Intl Spec Sit Acc	50.0			
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708-66966				
Endurance	129.3	137.8		0.96
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury Bucks HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	90.5	96.3⊕	-0.5	2.82
High Income Trust	90.0	95.8	-0.5	5.56
Gilt & Fixed Int	53.6	57.1	-0.5	7.54
Pelican Money	85.1	88.5	-0.6	1.74
Special Sits Trust	94.9	101.0	-0.5	3.17
Nth Amer Trust	54.1	57.6	-0.3	0.47
Far Eastern Trust	107.8	114.7	-1.7	0.38
Ind Grown	99.2	63.0	-0.4	0.97
EQUITY & LAW				
St George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1GD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	177.3	188.6⊕		2.81
Do Income	152.2	159.7⊕		3.67
Higher Inc Accum	307.5	327.1⊕	-5.9	3.67
Do Income	239.4	254.6⊕		3.67
Gilts/Fixed Accum	106.8	111.5⊕		8.18
Do Income	85.3	89.7⊕		8.18
Nth Amer Tst Accum	151.0	160.6⊕		0.08
Far East Tst Accum	190.3	202.4⊕		0.02
Euro Tst Accum	168.9	179.6		0.66
General Trust	274.0	291.4⊕		2.88
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	71.1	75.7	-0.2	0.16
Capital Fund	122.0	129.8⊕	-0.6	0.16
UK Income Fund	80.7	85.9⊕	-0.4	4.82
Far Eastern Fund	79.2	84.3	-0.4	0.66
Overseas Income	74.6	79.4	-1.2	3.36
Fixed Interest	62.4	66.4	-0.4	9.72
Natural Res Fund	74.6	79.4	-1.3	2.17
European Income	83.0	88.3	-1.3	2.85
Financials Fund	54.6	58.1	-0.1	2.57
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Amer Gth Inc	23.6	25.0		
Do Acc	23.5	25.0		
Balanced Gth Inc	63.6	68.0⊕	-0.5	1.40
Do Accum	63.6	67.6⊕	-0.5	
Income Gth Inc	53.6	56.9	-0.5	5.30
Do Accum	55.4	58.9	-0.5	
Service Co's Inc	70.6	75.1	-0.5	1.00
Do Accum	71.7	76.3	-0.5	
Higher Inc	28.5	30.3	-0.2	7.00
Do acc	28.8	30.6	-0.3	
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rver Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	118.2	125.8	-0.6	0.55
Amer Equity Income	34.4	36.7	-0.2	3.77
Amer Special Sits	56.9	60.5	-0.3	0.01
Australia	44.6	47.5	+0.7	1.81
European	51.6	54.4	+0.5	
European Inc	24.0	25.4		3.91
European Inc	24.0	25.5		5.00
Exempt Down	40.3	42.8		3.46
Far East Inc		30.8 ●	+0.2	0.45
Gilt & Fixed Int	-106.0	123.5	-2.5	3.74
Growth & Income	52.0	57.0	+1.0	
Japan Special Sits	-182.3	173.2	+2.9	
Japan	85.1	90.4	-0.5	0.06
Managed Int	155.5	165.9⊕	-0.2	0.06
Max Income Equity	168.7	113.6⊕	-0.9	2.37
Professional Gth	49.6	43.5	+0.9	1.85
South East Asia	50.1	53.4	+0.1	0.00
Special Sits	231.4	246.2	+2.1	0.32
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
2, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NG				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	221.2	234.0		
Do Acc	226.0	239.1		
Amer Turnarnd Inc	220.3	233.1		1.15
Do Accum	208.6	241.8		1.15
Capital Tst Inc	208.8	222.5⊕		1.77
Do Accum	209.3	345.2⊕		1.77
Conv & Gil Inc	100.7	109.7		4.62
Do Accum	141.1	149.3		4.62
European Inc	69.8	72.8		0.63
Do Accum	69.8	72.8		0.63
Extra Inc Tst Inc	211.9	224.3		3.88
Do Accum	322.8	340.3		3.88
Financial Accum	54.7	57.8		1.03
Do Inc	54.7	57.8		1.03
Income Trust	156.9	159.6		3.35
Do Accum	161.5	170.9		3.35
Int Growth Fd Inc	174.0	184.1		
Do Accum	193.3	204.5c		
Japan & Gen Inc	109.7	116.0		
Do Accum	110.8	117.2		
Monthly Income Fd	111.0	117.4⊕		3.66
PEP 87	107.3	113.5⊕		0.66
Recovery	187.3	198.1		0.66
Do Accum	204.2	216.1		0.66
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	232.9	247.2	-7.5	2.37
Do Accum	282.4	299.7	-9.1	2.37
FP Fixed Int Dist	118.6	125.1	-1.2	5.70
Do Accum	139.9	148.8	-1.5	5.70
Stewardship Dist	212.4	225.4	-6.0	1.39
Do Accum	232.1	246.7	-5.1	1.39
FP North American	132.2	140.1	-1.9	1.30
FP Pacific Basin	208.8	221.1	+5.3	1.24
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	77.7	82.7⊕	-0.3	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	123.5	131.4	-0.6	2.30
Do Accum	124.0	132.0	-0.6	
Income Fund	95.5	101.6⊕	-0.7	5.70
International	187.9	199.9⊕	-1.1	0.30
US & General	58.4	62.2	-0.2	0.70
Japan & General	248.2	264.0⊕	-1.4	0.06
Far East & Gen	158.1	168.2	-1.0	0.10
European Fund	272.5	289.9⊕	-0.4	0.10
Germany Fund	85.2	69.4	-0.9	1.90
Intl Inc Fund	85.5	58.6	-0.3	4.29
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5706 Dealing 01-822 5806				
American Trust	85.9	92.4	-1.2	0.70
Australasian Trust	38.2	40.7c	+0.3	0.10
British Tst Accum	84.7	89.0	-0.5	1.74
Do Dist	84.7	89.0	-0.5	1.74
Commodity Share	97.3	103.6	+1.3	1.00
European Trust	95.0	98.0⊕	-0.4	0.50
Extra Income Trust	58.5	62.3	-0.4	4.73
Far Eastern Trust	146.2	155.6	-2.9	0.27
Fixed Interest Fund	27.7	29.1c		9.01
Fronsac Mnks	25.0	26.4		0.37
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.5	26.1⊕		10.00
Global Fund Accum	197.7	210.4	-1.0	0.74
Do Dist	189.7	192.5	-0.9	0.41
Gold Share Trust	28.1	29.9	+1.0	0.58
Hedged American	37.0	39.4	-0.5	0.50
High Income Trust	28.3	30.2⊕	-0.3	5.57
Hong Kong Trust	36.3	38.6⊕	-0.7	1.00
Income Fund	95.6	101.8	-1.0	2.91
Japan Trust	145.1	154.4	-2.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	300.2	312.8⊕	+0.2	1.50
Oil & Energy Trust	39.9	42.4	+0.4	2.50
Special Sits Trust	136.6	134.8	-0.2	0.79
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	97.5	103.8	-1.0	0.50
Cheltenham UK	25.1	26.3	-0.2	1.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1BN				
01-588 2800				
Intl Growth	99.8	106.1	+0.3	0.99
American Growth	73.5	78.1		2.21
American Inc	74.8	79.3⊕		0.23
European Growth	234.4	250.6		0.23
Gold & Minerals	73.6	78.2	+2.3	0.44
Japan Growth	53.5	57.2⊕		
Pacific Inc	85.9	89.2		4.06
UK Progressive Inc	68.4	72.7		2.68
UK Special Opps	149.5	159.0		0.66
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Regal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9900				
Gilt & Fixed Int	119.8	124.3	-0.7	9.06
Growth Equity	247.2	261.6	-3.4	2.35
Guardhill	329.3	348.7	-4.9	0.82
N American	157.5	165.7c	-0.9	0.82
Pacific	304.2	322.0c	-3.0	0.00
Property Share	351.9	372.4	-4.1	1.39
Smaller Companies	274.7	290.4c	-4.3	1.34
European Trust	278.8	295.1	-4.3	1.07
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.				
01-623 9333				
High Income	64.4	68.6⊕	-1.3	5.58
N Amer Trust	116.9	124.4⊕	-1.1	0.71
Recovery	224.1	238.5⊕	-5.0	2.40
Gilt Trust	39.3	40.8	-0.9	8.84
St Vincent Trust	101.1	104.3	-2.2	4.54
St Vincent US Gth	75.9	79.1	-1.5	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	233.0	252.5		2.69
Euro Gth Tst	49.0	51.9⊕	+0.3	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	171.0	181.4	-0.5	1.43
Hambros N Amer	78.1	74.4	-0.2	0.67
Hambros Jap & F E	143.3	152.0c	-0.7	0.39
Hambros Scandan	82.9	87.9	+0.3	0.89
Hambros European	108.2	112.7⊕	-0.6	0.82
Hambros Canadian	80.8	84.3	+0.5	1.51
Hambros Equity Inc	105.1	112.5	-0.5	4.33
Hambros High Inc	72.5	84.3⊕	-0.1	4.77
Hambros Res Assts	72.6	76.4	-0.1	2.34
Hambros Intl Sec	67.0	71.1		0.70
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	115.1	123.1	-3.2	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	94.1	97.9⊕	-1.0	0.01
Australasian	112.8	120.0⊕	+4.2	1.02
Capital Growth Inc	66.7	71.0⊕	-1.8	1.52
Do Accum	77.8	82.8⊕	-2.0	1.52
European	273.9	291.4⊕	+0.8	0.84
Euro Inc Tst	48.5	51.6	+0.3	4.42
Euro Smaller Co's	115.2	122.5	+1.3	0.15
Extra Income	214.9	228.6⊕	+0.3	3.78
Financial Trust	183.4	195.1	-2.1	2.07
Fixed Interest Tst	54.7	58.0⊕	-0.2	9.22
Gilt Trust	43.3	45.9	-0.4	9.91
Global Healthcare	88.5	93.1	-0.5	0.61
Global Inc.&Gth	95.1	99.7	-0.5	4.45
Global Resources	131.8	141.5	+7.4	0.63
Global Tech	121.4	129.5	-3.6	0.07
Gold	100.9	107.3	+7.2	1.58
High Income Tst	222.1	240.8⊕	-2.3	0.34
Hong Kong Trust	88.1	70.4	-0.3	0.34
Income & Growth Inc	173.8	185.7	-1.4	2.78
Do Accum	344.5	368.4	-1.4	2.78
Income Assets	187.2	198.6⊕	-1.4	3.77
International	222.9	238.2	+0.2	0.01
Japan Special Sits	139.5	149.2	+0.2	0.01
Japan Tst	189.5	202.3	+3.5	0.01
North American	83.9	89.3⊕	-0.5	1.13
Pacific Smaller Co's	93.9	98.2	-0.5	1.13
Prof & Gth	59.9	63.9⊕	-0.4	0.01
Recovery Tst	140.4	150.2	-1.0	2.91
Singapore & Malay	38.9	41.4	+0.2	1.33
Smaller

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
2	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
3	AB Elect	Electricals	
4	Alpine Drinks	Foods	
5	MS Int	Industrials L-R	
6	Marling	Industrials L-R	
7	Steel Burrill	Insurance	
8	Dervlend Stamping	Industrials A-D	
9	Asda	Property	
10	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
11	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
12	Geest	Foods	
13	Freshbake	Foods	
14	Blyvoors	Mining	
15	Pearl	Insurance	
16	Abbey Life	Insurance	
17	Next	Drapery,Stores	
18	Br Benzol	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
20	British Gas (aa)	Oil,Gas	
21	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	
22	Dee (aa)	Foods	
23	Ladies Pride	Drapery,Stores	
24	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
25	Stockley	Property	
26	Grampian	Cinemas,TV	
27	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
28	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
29	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
30	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
31	Leeds	Textiles	
32	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
33	Peerless	Industrials L-R	
34	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
35	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
36	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
37	Deutsche Bank	Banks,Discount	
38	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
39	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
40	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
41	TSW	Cinemas,TV	
42	Magnolia	Industrials L-R	
43	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
44	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

US figures cast shadow

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 6. Dealings end April 24. §Contango day April 27. Settlement day May 5. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 20.

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
498	391	Allied-Lyons (aa)	393	395	-3	14.5	4.6	10.6
962	800	Bass (aa)	848	848	+3	24.5	2.9	15.6
78½	59	Bellhaven	69	70	+2	10.14	14.5	20.0
146	98	Boddington	138	140	-1	5.5	4.0	14.5
576	375	Brown (Matthew)	550	555	-1	28.9	5.2	18.6
373	270	Burtonwood	370	375	-1	4.3	1.2	20.6
298	143	Bulmer (H P)	287	292	-1	7.7	2.6	18.0
711	418	Burtonwood Brew	708	715	+1	15.4	2.2	20.7
295	195	Clark (Matthew)	284	288		10.1	3.5	16.3
232	165	Devenish (J A)	218	228	-1	10	1.8	30.7
248	185	Glenrall Whitley	230	240	+1	7.9	3.4	33.9
347	265	Greene King	340	345	+14	24	7.1	13.9
403	315	Guinness (aa)	393	393	-5	16	4.1	12.2
403	315	Hanrys & Hanson	403	403	-5	20.7	4.1	14.3
91	68	Highland Dist	74	77	-1	3.2	4.2	14.7
139	98	Invergordon Dist	128	129		7.3	5.6	11.1
165	125	Irish Dist	158	160	-2	10.5	6.5	9.1
77	57	Matthew Thompson	74	76		3.3	4.5	16.3
180	130	Morland	155	160		6	3.7	15.1
151	111	S H Masons	130	130		5.5	4.2	13.6
403	315	Scot & Newc (aa)	390	390	-5	16.3	4.1	13.4
207	139	Vaux	199	202	-2	10.5	5.2	13.9
207	139	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	199	202		10.5	5.2	13.9
		Do 'B'	199	202		10.5	5.2	13.9
165	110	Wolverhampton & D	157	160		7.8	4.9	13.2
195	135	Young 'A'	167	167	+10	11.4	6.8	24.9

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
238	180	Abbey	230	232	-1	11.5	5.2	9.6
200	150	Ameon	190	192		9.5	5.1	11.1
177	120	Anglo Ind	170	172		8.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Arnolds	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Ashtenne	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
143	100	BPB Ind (aa)	140	142	-1	6.5	4.7	10.1
158	110	Bardgrange Brick	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bailey (Eliza) Constr	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Barratt Devs	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Barwick	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Berkeley Gp	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bett Bros	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bigwoods	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Blue Circle	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bovis/Cloud Hill	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Br Dredging	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Brown & Jackson	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bryant	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Bunzl & Hallam	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Chelmsford Rubby	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Comrt-Rockstone	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Conder Grp	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Costain	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Countryside	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Crouch (Derek)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Douglas (Gld)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Do 'A'	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Fairclough Hldg	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Fitzler, Sp	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Galliard	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Gilbert (MJ)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Hanson Int	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Hatrel, Mr	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Henderson	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Hewden-Stuart	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Heywood Williams	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Higgs & Hill	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Holland Hldt	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Hollick Johnson	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Laing (J) & Sons	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Do 'A'	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Lovell (Y J)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Marley	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Mowlem & Smith	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Mucklow (Hadley)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Mucklow (Alfred)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Murphy (J) & S	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Nuttall (Stanley)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Pauling & Henson	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Pearce (Stanley)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Pentland Ind	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Phoenix Timber	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Pochin	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	RMC Gp (aa)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Ransome Hoffmn Pol	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Rush Dist	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Ruskin Thompson	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Rutland	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Ryarsh (Hldgs)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Ryeford Ind	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Sandhurst Perkins	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Shanks & Fisher	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Simon (J)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Tarmac (aa)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Taylor Woodrow	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Tilbury (Contrs)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Travis & Arnold	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Tunnel	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Wates	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Wellmond	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8
158	110	Wimpey (George)	150	152		7.5	5.1	9.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
30½	21	AKZO N/V, Bearer	30	31		1.4	4.5	11.3
280	200	Allied Colloids	270	280		14.5	5.2	9.8
177	127	Associated Chemical	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Bayer DM50	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Bayer Chems	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Bayer Dmd (W)	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Bayer Dmks	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Bayer Tacs	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
30½	21	Dow (Europe)	29	30		1.4	4.5	11.3
177	127	Do Dbt	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'A' Deferred	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Fisons	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Hoechst (W)	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Hoechst Dmks	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Hoechst Tacs	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	ICI	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Imperial Chem	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'A'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'B'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'C'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'D'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'E'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'F'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'G'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'H'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'I'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'J'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'K'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'L'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'M'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'N'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'O'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'P'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'Q'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'R'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'S'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'T'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'U'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'V'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'W'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'X'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'Y'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'Z'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AA'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AB'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AC'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AD'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AE'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AF'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AG'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AH'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AI'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AJ'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AK'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AL'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AM'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AN'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AO'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AP'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AQ'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AR'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AS'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AT'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AU'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AV'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AW'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AX'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AY'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8
177	127	Do 'AZ'	170	175		8.5	5.1	9.8

CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
560	390	Anglia TV 'A'	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Central TV	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Do 'A'	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	HTV N/V	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	HTV Hldgs	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	HTV W/V	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Scot TV	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	TVS N/V	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	TVS W/V	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Thames TV	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	TV-AM	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Ulster TV	550	555		24	4.3	12.2
560	390	Yorkshire TV	550	555		24	4.3	12.2

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
288	195	Allsop	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Amber Day	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Associated Dev	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Bailey (Eliza) Constr	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Bairstow Eves	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Bambers	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Bentalls	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Berkeley (Eliza) Constr	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Bhs	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Blacks Leis	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Body Shop	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Boots	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Brent Walker	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Brown & Jackson	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Burton Group	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Carpets Int	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Combined Eng	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Comet	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Courts	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Currys	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Dawson Int	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Debenhams	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Dewhirst (J) 'A'	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Dixons	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do Dbt	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do 'A' Deferred	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do 'B'	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do 'C'	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do 'D'	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
288	195	Do 'E'	280	285		14	4.9	15.1
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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	185	Allied Irish	227	232	-3	20b	3.9	6.6
361	263	Ansbacher (Henry)	286	292	-4	24	6.8	24.9
261	219	Bk New Z	236	238	-1	15b	6.8	
218	178	Bankers Trust	173					
295	177	Bank Of Ireland	283	288	-4	17.0	7.7	
14	11	Bank Leumi Israel	13	13				
295	177	Bank Of Scotland	283	288	-5	17.7	6.8	9.5
295	177	Bank Of Wales	283	288	-5	20.7	7.4	11.8
560	450	Barclays (aa)	545	550	-5	23	4.2	9.5
11	8	Beckmann	8	9				
700	450	Brown Shipley	650	660		25	3.8	13.1
415	280	Cater Allen	395	405		16	3.9	
96	56	Citibk	90	92		3.6	3.9	
217	217	Chase Manhattan	208	208		20.7	9.9	
42	30	Clydesd	39	40		2.01	5.1	
111	85	Commercial	105	107		5.1	4.8	
313	280	Co-operative Bank	280			20b		
34	17	Coutts & Co	31	32		1.1	3.4	13.7
245	143	First Nat Finance	230	240		11.7	4.9	10.4
315	240	Gerrard Nat	300	310		21.1	6.8	16.0
165	86	Gurnseys Peer	160	165		6.5	3.9	16.1
77	57	Hambros	74	76		3.3	4.4	16.7
330	240	Hill Samuel	320	330		16.3	4.9	
151	111	Kleinwort Benson	144	146		6.5	4.4	22.4
1000	750	Lloyds (aa)	960	970	-5	40	4.1	9.4
174	120	Lon Scot	168					
288	200	Mercury Int	280	285	-1	13	4.5	24.7
288	200	Do 'A'	280	285	-1	13	4.5	24.7
195	135	Midland (aa)	190	192		8.5	4.4	9.6
238	165	Morgan Grenfell	230	235		10.5	4.4	10.6
361	263	Nat Aust Bk	348	350		16.5	4.7	9.6

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
432	185	AB Elect	380	390	+3	14.3	3.7	20.1
346	129	Alphameric	332	336		6.7	2.0	30.1
197	96	Amstrad (aa)	176	178	-3	6.5	3.7	20.1
68	38	Apricot Computers	124	126				
432	185	Arlec	380	390		14.3	3.7	20.1

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
72	37	Abbeycrest	70			0.45	0.6	63.2
288	215	Aberforth	279	279	-1	1.8	0.6	8.7
210	133	Action Home	202	208		8.5	4.1	7.5
210	133	Amalgamated	202	208				
472	291	Berkeley Devel	452	462	-4	8.12	1.8	30.1
472	291	Br Commonwealth	452	462		8.12	1.8	30.1
472	291	Br Mortgage	452	462		8.12	1.8	30.1
21	19	Canada	19	21		2.00	1.0	69.5
261	215	Cantover	252	258	-2	8.9	3.5	31.1
261	215	Chelmsford	252	258				
117	74	Chesterfield Prop	111	113	-1	1.3	1.1	22.7
132	77	City & Gen	127	132		7.7	4.3	22.7
27	17	Do 'A'	25	27		2.0	5.1	12.0
41	31	Do 5%	39	41		2.9	4.1	30.5
41	31	Do 5% Cv	39	41		2.9	4.1	30.5
156	110	Do 10%	150	156		6.5	4.2	16.5
156	110	Do 10% Cv	150	156		6.5	4.2	16.5
156	110	Do 5½% Cv	150	156		6.5	4.2	16.5
156	110	Do 10%	150	156		6.5	4.2	16.5
156	110	Do 10% Cv	150

MEDIA & MARKETING

Yuppies: just a marketing myth

OPINION

Robert Worcester

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Yuppies (young, upwardly mobile professionals), Kuppies (kids of etc), Puppies (*pre-puberty* etc), Buppies (black etc), Dinkies (double income, no kids), and now Swells (single women, earning lots in London) are this year's flavour of the month.

It makes for yards of copy. Cute papers by *qualitative* market researchers then get reprinted in the trade press, and before you know it, the advertising agency account executive has a new jargon. But does it mean anything?

It does if you're a decorator with a smart shop in Fulham, or if you own Whistles boutique in Sloane Square, or especially if you're floating Filofax. But if you're a mass-manufacturer of consumer goods, forget it. It won't do you much good either if you're a media owner or executive.

One newspaper the other day devoted a spread to "A couple of swells" (single women earning lots in London) which pointed out that there were *fewer* than 100,000 women earning above £15,000 a year – less than one quarter of one per cent of all adults in Britain. They also have many other, stronger, characteristics (age, class, lifecycle, education, tastes) that make them more unlike each other than like.

One group that learnt just how different, and how thin on the ground "swells" are were the backers of the now-defunct *Working Woman* magazine. It was that target segment that founder and editor Audrey Slaughter set out to serve. Sadly, *Working Woman* was *an idea before its time* and didn't attract sufficient "swells" to survive.

Intrigued by all the attention to Yuppies, I recently started segmenting a yuppie classification in Mori polls, deliberately defining them broadly as all middle-class, urban, 25- to 34-year-olds. Even with so broad a sweep, I found that only one adult in 20 qualifies, about 2 million people, and it's a very good bet that they are not all upwardly mobile, much less college graduates as in America.

Half, almost by definition, are women and nearly two-thirds are defined *lower-middle class*. Thirteen per cent of them aren't even on the phone! They tend to live in the North of England or South, especially London (27 per cent), but not in Scotland, Wales or in the Midlands. They're only slightly more likely to vote Conservative or Alliance (SDP rather than Liberal) but are nearly as twice as likely to be living in a mortgaged house or flat. Two per cent are unemployed, or say they are, and one in four belongs to a trade union.

They are well satisfied with the way the Government is running the country and with the way Mrs Thatcher is doing her job and while they're not very keen on Neil Kinnock, they're only marginally more impressed with the two Davids than are non-Yuppies.

They are more concerned about Aids than other people, but then they are young and many live in London, so they would be, wouldn't they? For similar reasons they show concern and interest in education and schools. Where they differ sharply from the norm is in their economic expectations: only one in 10 expects the economy to get worse this coming year. Maybe they are upwardly mobile after all.

So if your target market is the stereotype Yuppie, young upwardly-mobile, SW3, 7, 11, or Islington, university graduate or even MBA, earning £25,000 plus by working in the media or the City, you'd best be selling BMWs or Ferraris, designer baths or custom kitchens, skiing in Verbier or sunning in the Seychelles. But not anything, even a newspaper, where there need to be many buyers to succeed. For there aren't that many of them, and the rest of us are tired of hearing about them.

Yuppies, Puppies, phooey.

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Censorship enters space



Blow-up: Earth satellite pictures of Chernobyl, taken at a height of 500 miles after the nuclear disaster and progressively enlarged, show the scorched ground around the stricken plant

The Pentagon is trying to restrict the reproduction of pictures taken by civil satellites. Jonathan Miller reports

Within hours of the disaster at Chernobyl last April, newspapers and television stations throughout the world were showing aerial pictures of the stricken reactor. This was not because of any *glasnost* on the part of the Russians, but thanks to cameras aboard two orbiting satellites, one American, the other French.

It was the first time that the media had harnessed the capability of non-military earth observation satellites for news, but not the last. Recent pictures from space have shown the construction of large earthworks by the Iranian army to drain strategic marshes on the southern battlefront with Iraq, and a supposed Pakistani nuclear plant.

News organizations have still to learn the techniques of verifying and interpreting the images, however. *The Observer* recently ran on its front page a satellite photograph which, the newspaper claimed, showed the secret plant where Pakistan was alleged to be building nuclear weapons. The picture was later revealed to have been of a civilian atomic power station.

But, as observation satellites improve, we could reasonably look forward to many such pictures of big news stories in the future, particularly from parts of the world which, because of inaccessibility or government restrictions, are not open to normal coverage.

Now there are signs, however, that the media's access to satellite imagery might be curtailed. Draft regulations published by the US government will give the Pentagon the right to censor satellite pictures. According to *Military Space*, a newsletter published in Washington, the Pentagon "wants to retain the 'maximum discretion' to deny applications on 'national security' grounds." The newsletter quotes Colonel Gerald May, the National Security Council's space programmes director, as saying: "I would like to see more interest on the part of the media in protecting national security requirements, rather than getting a scoop on their competitors."

As the row in Britain over the Zircon spy satellite illustrates, there are few technical systems as sensitive – technically and politically – as those used by governments for espionage. Given their vital role in the verification of arms control agreements and the monitoring of troop movements, a case can be made for keeping a "classified" tag on pictures relayed by reconnaissance satellites.

But there is a world of difference between the need to protect the security of military reconnaissance satellites – which have camera lenses so sharp that, it is said, they can pick up a newspaper headline in Red Square – and the case for censoring the images made by civil earth observation spacecraft, which have been used primarily for such prosaic tasks as mapping and identification of natural resources.

David Nicholas, editor of Independent Television News, believes that satellite pictures should be subject to no more restrictions than any other editorial material.

"The only possible argument we could listen to would be, I suppose, if the picture was of something subject to the normal D-notice machinery," he says. "But I can't see any reason at all why we should be restricted from using anything offshore. It will always be of something in some remote vastness."

Ron Neil, editor of BBC Television News, said: "I don't think anything should be subject to censorship. It's too easy to say: 'No access, because there is a national security implication.' That may be the case on rare occasions, but the principle should be that we, like any organization, should be able to buy photos from space of Mother Earth."

"There may be occasions of such sensitivity that you have to think twice, but I can't think of what kind of occasions they might be."

The American threat to censor satellite images is perplexing. A Pentagon ban on any specific picture is hardly likely to be wholly effective, since the French already have an Earth observation satellite of their own and other countries, including Japan, are building them. Censorship would also reinforce the fears of those who believe that, as the Russians seem to be moving towards a more open society, the Americans are going in the opposite direction.

Ironically, the Americans have until now been in the forefront of those seeking to spread the technology of Earth exploration satellites, and resisting the demands of developing countries for an international treaty prohibiting their use to scan the territory of any nation that does not give its consent.

Journalists find it difficult, therefore, to understand why the Pentagon is so keen to restrict the reception of civilian satellite pictures. Beyond vague statements, officials in Washington have yet to explain exactly how the dissemination of such images could present a genuine threat to security. Critics of the new policy suggest that the burden of proof is on those who wish to censor, not those who wish to publish.

Deserting the old location

● The American policy of strewing obstacles in the path of British film directors may have backfired

President Reagan's concern for the welfare of the American film industry has forced British commercials production companies to find other countries for their location work.

Tighter American immigration laws – aimed at protecting American film unions concerned over lack of work – now insist that British commercials directors obtain an H1 work permit rather than the previously more accessible B1 business visa if they are to shoot a commercial in the States with their own crews.

Getting an H1 can be a complex procedure involving time, money and lawyers, so British agencies are now less inclined to write a specific American location or landmark into their scripts. The ensuing problems make it more trouble than it appears to be worth.

Instead, they have found the Australian landscape and climate to be just as effective as, say, the West Coast or Nevada desert in America. Coupled with this, Australian union laws are far less rigorous and the expensive air fares and longer journey can be offset by cheaper living costs, especially if more than one commercial can be shot on the same trip. One director has reported that there are as many as eleven British crews currently working on commercials in Australia. And there are others in New Zealand and Canada.

Meanwhile there is no immediate sign of a thawing of relations between the United States and the UK over what has effectively become a trade barrier. A combination of a film-loving president and the IATSE, the American technicians' union equivalent to our own ACTT and BETA, have apparently blocked an immediate reversal of the H1 ruling.

Reagan's attempts to help his film industry may boomerang, however, since British companies will no longer require American props, film labs, hotels or crews.

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Make or broke

Sensation and soaps are the tabloid totems, but the *News on Sunday* will be different. Can it still make money? Marcel Berlins reports

When the first version didn't hit its target, *The Mail on Sunday* poured millions into a relaunch. *Today* found a rich white knight to rescue it from its difficulties. *The Independent* will find any number of eager saviours, should it need to.

News on Sunday is different. Its begetters know that there will be only one chance to get it right. There will be no money for expensive second tries: no Maxwell or Rowland waiting benevolently in the wings. Equity capital of *News on Sunday* is £6.5 million, with facilities for a further £3 million. In newspaper terms, these are small funds which leave no room for fiddling around in the hope that the paper will eventually come right.

Its aim is radical – nothing less than to provide a national tabloid newspaper which is not only specifically and aggressively committed to the political left, but which also seeks to overthrow many of the traditional assumptions behind much of today's tabloid journalism, not least among them the preoccupation with sensationalism, sex and soap operas.

It has been a difficult gestation and the birth, on April 26, is evoking equal measures of enthusiasm and trepidation. From the start, the *NoS* has found it difficult to answer the fundamental riddle: which comes first, the politics or the paper? Because of that uncertainty, the last year has been consumed as much by political infighting, personality clashes and divisions over objectives as in trying to get the product right.

The most spectacular dispute resulted in the departure of John Pilger, an *NoS* founder and the best-known journalist in the team. The exact nature of the disagreement and the facts that led to it remain, to the outsider, obscure, in spite of the readiness of all parties involved to explain their side in print.

More recently, the newspaper has been hit by the resignation of its chief consultant Gerry Taylor – a former managing director of *The Guardian* – and of its advertising agency, Bartle, Bogle, Hegarty. A spokesman for BBH commented that *NoS* was "an organization that tries to seek consensus on many things, and this therefore made the process of getting decisions on advertising very difficult".

Among the issues on which there was clearly no consensus was BBH's controversial trade advertising campaign, which included the slogans "no tits but a lot of balls", and "the naked truth, not naked women", over a Page Three girl with her breasts crossed out. Apart from the unfortunate ambiguity of the word "balls", many *NoS* staff felt that the campaign demonstrated the sexism that the newspaper had vowed to eliminate from its own pages.

There is, though, consensus enough about the values the paper should stand for and against, enshrined in a 12-point charter. The difficulty arises when trying to translate those principles into a tangible product. It is one thing to state that *NoS* will be against sexism, racism, apartheid, the exploitation of women, discrimination against minorities, Thatcherism and the erosion of civil liberties. Turning that list into an entertaining tabloid is another matter.

The new paper is difficult to describe. It will not be a left-wing *Sun* or *Mail on Sunday*, a downmarket *Guardian* or like the *Daily Mirror* of the 1960s, though it will have elements of all of these. It will be 48 pages plus a 16-page, largely pictorial, glossy colour section. The targeted readers are primarily in the C1, C2 and D socio-economic groups, young (it expects nearly half its buyers to be under 35), urban, and with a weighting towards the north of England rather than the south-east. The head office is in Manchester, with only a small London bureau.

The launch advertising and promotion will cost £1.3 million. In addition, £800,000 will be spent on a publicity campaign, concentrating on distributing 300,000 Ralph Steadman posters and up to three million leaflets within the Labour Party, trade unions, work places, CND and a large variety of other bodies of the left.

Keith Sutton, the editor, is adamant that the paper's political stance will not interfere with the aim of making it a lively and readable product. "We think that the reality of life in this country is pretty important and that there are enough people interested in it, provided it's presented with a bit of style so that they will read it," he says. "It doesn't have to be turgid.

"There are all sorts of important areas in society that are completely untouched. Research is being done by various agencies and in the voluntary sector – which never gets any publicity at all. We'll be presenting that kind of material, but in a tabloid form."

Sutton, aged 41, is a journalist with long experience on several national tabloids but with only one previous stint as an editor – of the *Wapping Post*, the anti-Murdoch pickets' paper distributed during the Wapping dispute. His journalistic staff of nearly 50 (half of them women, 10 per cent black) combine the talented, enthusiastic but inexperienced young with a few older, more Fleet Street-wise operators, like former *Sunday Times* writer Lew Chester and Anna Coote, former deputy editor of the *New Statesman*. The news editor is 26-year-old Kolton Lee, a former basketball star and successful editor of *The Voice*.

The *NoS* will not be neglecting those traditional tabloid cornerstones, sport (10 pages), television (six pages) and entertainment. "The difference between us and the other tabloids," press spokesman Kevin Moseley says, "is that our TV pages won't just be reviews and previews, but also discussion about some of the social issues that television throws up.

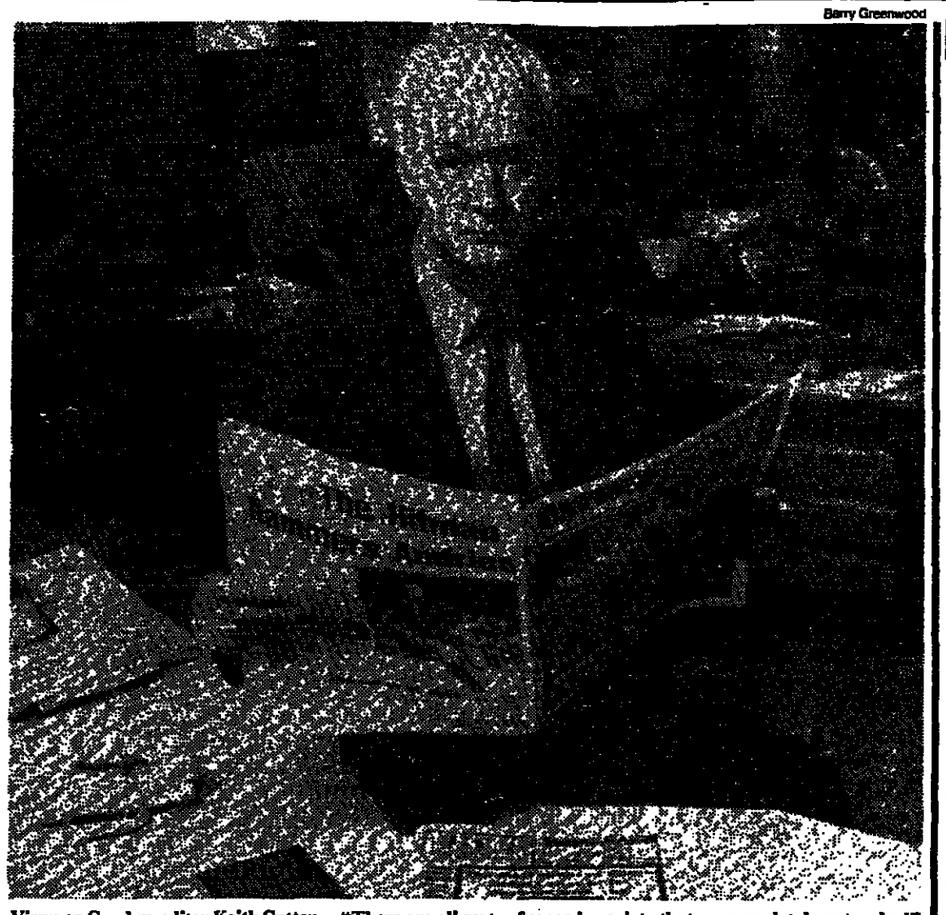
"You'll still read about the soap operas, but news about *EastEnders* will be on our TV pages, where it belongs, and not on the news pages. We won't be taking yesterday's stars, building them up, knocking them down, and going on about Boy George all the time."

"We have got a very ambitious team of young journalists," Sutton adds, "who do not accept what passes for journalism in most of our national newspapers. I think it's fairly easy to turn out *The Sun* or *The People* or the *News of the World*, provided you've got a lot of money to buy people. We don't believe it's got to do with journalism. We also believe that there is a desperate need in this country for a newspaper for people of the left."

The *NoS* will soon show whether its founders' and its editor's instincts add up to survival.

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Barry Greenwood



Views on Sunday: editor Keith Sutton – "There are all sorts of areas in society that are completely untouched"

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BYLINES

Taking the short cut

Yorkshire Television, until recently the most hostile towards independent producers of the major ITV companies, has just opened its doors to one such small company in a highly unusual way.

Yorkshire-based Grierson Productions has signed a deal to make 200 programmes – none of them more than four minutes 45 seconds long – for YTV.

The programmes, shot on cheap Betacam video cameras, are tailored to solve a particular scheduling problem, namely that ITV's popular bought-in Australian soaps run five minutes short of their alloted half-hour afternoon slots.

Grierson has just delivered its first batch of 30 "programmettes" – featuring a vet talking about his work – and the next three packages of 30 will feature a fashion expert, gardener and doctor.

Grierson's chief executive, John Wilford, a former controller of public affairs at YTV, says that other ITV companies, and the Lifestyle cable channel, are interested in the programmes, which can easily be compiled into half-hour formats for further sales; and that there are great opportunities for sponsorship.

No sale

Despite the confident tone of the Publishers Association annual report last week, it is clear that there is still dissatisfaction among member companies with the PA's efforts to promote book-buying and reading. A letter in the latest *Bookseller*, from David & Charles chairman David St. John Thomas, complains that "we spend no sum of money with less result than our PA subscription" – and warns of future resignations from the association.

Closed shop

The BBC may have been making bullish noises about its new determination to work with independent producers, but reports from Kensington House, its vulnerable home of TV documentary-making, suggest otherwise. Last week Will Wyatt, head of features, reassured staff in a briefing that he would ensure sure that the initiative would affect them as little as possible.

Babying Anne

News staff at TV-am whose working lives have been disrupted by construction work inside Eggcup Towers are not happy that the alterations are taking place in order to provide Anne Diamond with a new pink dressing-room next to the *Good Morning Britain* studio. And one of the reasons managing director Bruce Gyngell has also agreed to a staff crèche is so that his station's crucial ratings attraction can return to work as soon as she's had her baby this summer.

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Claiming a British first for holographic advertising, Holovision have installed an "poster" which will be unveiled at Gatwick Airport this morning. The one metre square three dimensional image has been created to boost duty-free sales. ... **For the second time this year Virgin Vision is very close to purchasing Rushes, the commercials and pop video post-production facility ...** Impressionist Rory Bremner's *Now-Something Else* show is the BBC's entry for this year's Montreux Festival ... **Leading corporate TV production company Infovision, has been bought by Clyne Communications, the advertising and marketing consultancy ...** Morgan Khan is bouncing back from the recent crash of his innovative Streetwaves compilation dance records group with a smaller publishing, compilation and marketing operation ... **Australian media group Darling Downs, which already has stakes in LBC and other ILR stations, is diversifying into British TV with a takeover of independent production and facilities company Crown Television ...** *Marketing* magazine is changing format on May 7, to the same A3 size as its Haymarket stablemate, *Campaign* ... **Limelight, the award-winning pop video production company, is branching out into commercials, as is film director Geoff (*The Shooting Party*) Reeves ...**

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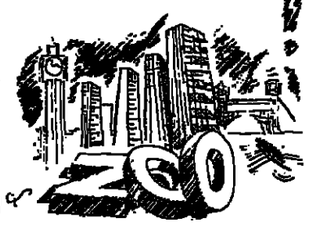
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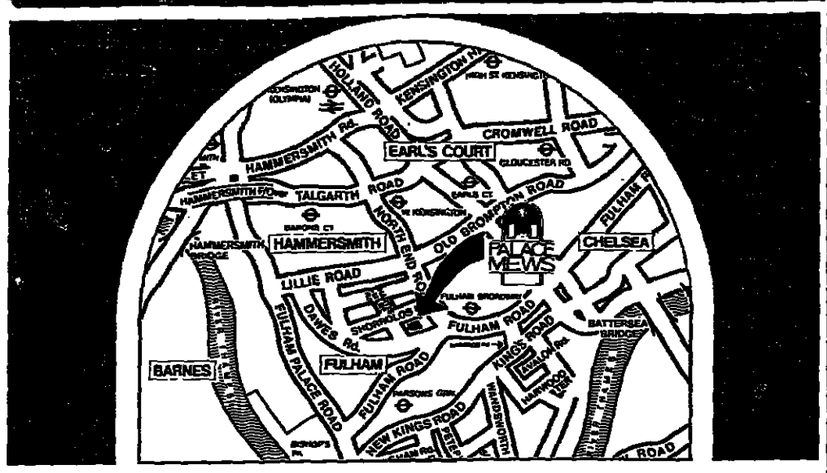
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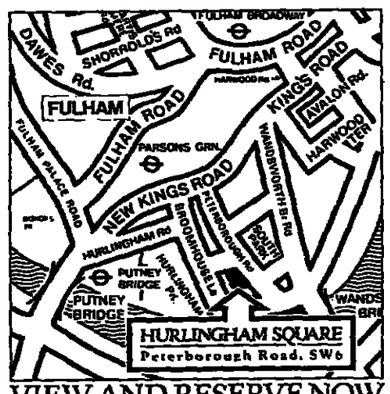
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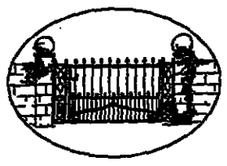
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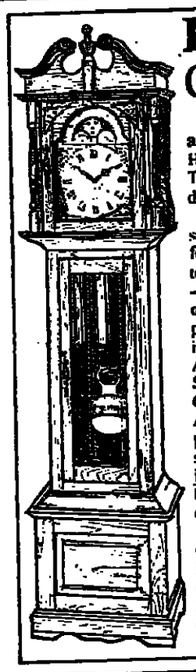
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From the last of the Romanovs to ladies of different persuasions

Treasures from the Imperial Court

By Huon Mallalieu

The last Tsar of All the Russias was not, as is generally thought, Nicholas II. Once he had signed his abdication he was automatically succeeded by his son, the haemophiliac Tsarevitch Alexis, who "reigned" for a matter of minutes. Alexis was followed by Nicholas's brother, the Grand Duke Mikhail Alexandrovich, who abdicated after his proposals for a referendum had been rejected.

Today, at Billinghurst in Sussex, Sotheby's is offering a pair of shotguns which were made in 1903 for Mikhail, who was shot in mysterious circumstances in July, 1918.

Happier days at the Imperial Court will be recalled this month both at Lugano in Switzerland, where the collection of Fabergé Imperial eggs belonging to Malcolm Forbes of *Forbes Magazine* will be on show at Baron Thyssen's Villa Favorita from April 20, and in London on May 1 when Sotheby's will sell several Romanov family photograph albums.

On May 5, Christie's of South Kensington will be offering a pair of Fabergé claret jugs with sturgeon handles in a house contents sale at Queensberry House, Newmarket, Suffolk, which includes racing pictures and trophies.

Another aspect of old Russia is on view at Bernheimer Fine Arts in St George Street, London, until May 1. This is an exhibition of Russian and Greek icons, put together by Axia Art Consultants. From May 13 Bernheimer will be showing ceramics of the K'ang-Hsi period (1662-1722).

This is a good month for exhibitions of paintings in the London galleries. Until April 24, Oscar & Peter Johnson, of 27 Lowndes Street, SW1, is showing pictures from the Belle Epoque, that is the first decade or so of the century in both France and England. This is an area in which it is still possible to find underpriced painters of great merit. In mood, some of these works blend well with that of Edward Seago (1910-1974), who is the subject of a show at Spink in King Street, St James's, until May 6.

Nearby, at 34 Bury Street, SW1, Martyn Gregory has a show of British portraits which he has called Tricorns and Turbans, and which runs to May 2. In date, these range from a charming late 17th-century study of a courtesan by the elder Marcellus Laroon to a self-portrait of the 1920s by Charles Spencelayh.

We have a particularly hearty month ahead of us. As well as the Newmarket sale on May 5, coinciding happily with the Guineas meeting, Ackermann, doyen of the sporting dealers, will be showing prints of thoroughbreds at 3 Old Bond Street, W1, from May 6 to the end of the month, and the new Sporting Gallery in Clapham will have a show of sporting illustrators from May 7 to May 30.







Above: detail of a Marcellus Laroon courtesan. Right: The Misses Murray, by Sir Henry Raeburn; at Martyn Gregory. Left: one of a pair of Russian Fabergé claret jugs, at Christie's

Bonham's have a sale entirely devoted to sporting themes on April 30, and among the pictures is an H.M. Bateman cartoon of *The Man Who Lit Up At The Snooker Table*, which could make up to £700. Bateman, perhaps the greatest Australian artist, has two London shows devoted to him at the Festival Hall and the National Theatre from May 15. They are organized by the Langton Gallery, Langton Street, SW10, which specializes in the work of cartoonists.

On April 23 there is a good sale of paintings and drawings at Lawrence of Crewkerne, Somerset, which ranges from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Perhaps the best of the 19th century amateur watercolourists was Lady Waterford, and there is a good collection of her work. There is also a previously unrecorded George Chinnery portrait of John Morrison, one of the family of missionaries, travellers and journalists.

On the following day Christie's will offer English paintings, including some very fine portraits, and a view of the Grand Canal by the great Bonington.

Sotheby's book department will be particularly active at the end of the month. On April 23 and 24 it has natural history and travel volumes, including John Could's personal set of his own works. He has been described as England's most distinguished ornithologist and ornithological publisher.

The set has 3,265 hand-coloured lithographs and comes in its own cabinet. The estimate is up to £400,000, but anything could happen.

Law Report April 15 1987

Doctors' duty of care not divisible

Gold v Haringey Health Authority

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Lloyd

[Judgment April 14]

The general duty of doctors treating patients was not subject to dissection into a number of component parts to which different criteria of what satisfied the duty of care applied: accordingly there was no distinction between advice given in a therapeutic and a non-therapeutic context.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Haringey Health Authority from the order of Mr Justice Schiemann (*The Times* June 17, 1986) giving judgment to the plaintiff, Phyllis Gold, in respect of a sterilization operation which was carried out immediately after the birth of her third child in 1979 and which had failed to prevent a subsequent pregnancy.

Mr Stephen Miller for the health authority; Mr Charles J. Lewis for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that he wished to make it clear that their Lordships were not called on to decide whether it was desirable or not that a plaintiff should be able to claim damages for the birth of a healthy child, or a child which, in this particular case, the plaintiff and her husband were now delighted to have.

The present appeal was concerned solely with the question whether the plaintiff had established negligence against the defendants by reason of their failure to warn her that the operation might not succeed.

In evidence the doctors had been unanimous in their view that, although they themselves would have warned of the risk of failure, nevertheless a substantial body of responsible doctors would not have given any such warning in 1979.

The test in *Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee* ([1957] 1 WLR 582) was that a medical man was not guilty of negligence if he had acted in accordance with a practice accepted as proper by a responsible body of medical men skilled in that particular art merely because there was a body of opinion who would take a contrary view.

The judge below drew a distinction between advice or warning in a therapeutic context and in a contraceptive context. He held that the *Bolam* test did not apply in the latter and instead applied his own judgment as to what should or should not have been mentioned in that context.

A distinction between advice given in a therapeutic and non-therapeutic context would be a departure from the principle on which the *Bolam* test was grounded.

The principle did not depend on the context in which any act was performed or any advice given. It depended on a man professing skill or competence in a field beyond that possessed by the man on the Clapham omnibus.

If the giving of contraceptive advice required no special skill, one could see an argument that the *Bolam* test should not apply. But that had not, and could not have been, suggested.

The fact (if it be the fact) that giving contraceptive advice involved a different sort of skill and competence from carrying out a surgical operation, did not mean that the *Bolam* test ceased to be applicable.

It was clear from Lord Diplock's speech in *Sidaway v Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital* ([1985] AC 87) that a doctor's duty of care in relation to diagnosis treatment and advice, whether the doctor be a specialist or general practitioner, was not to be dissected into its component parts.

To dissect a doctor's advice into that given in a therapeutic context and that given in a contraceptive context would be to go against the whole thrust of the decision of the majority of the House of Lords in that case. The *Bolam* test accordingly applied.

His Lordship added in passing that the *Bolam* test was often thought of as limiting the duty of care. So in one sense it did. But it also extended the duty of care. The standard was not that of the man on the Clapham omnibus, as in other fields of negligence, but the higher standard of the man skilled in the particular profession or calling.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown delivered a concurring speech and Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Hempsons; Pritchard Englefield & Tobin.

Anti-smoker loses BBC appeal

Holmes v Checkland

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment April 14]

A private citizen who could not demonstrate to the court that he would suffer over and above any other person from the transmission of a programme which promoted cigarette smoking was not entitled, in the absence of the Attorney-General's *fiat*, to seek an injunction restraining the broadcasting of the programme.

Accordingly, the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Stuart Holmes from a decision of Judge Dobry on March 31 refusing Mr Holmes's application against Mr Michael Checkland, the Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr Holmes in person; Mr Thomas Shields for the BBC.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that Mr Holmes felt passionately on the subject of smoking cigarettes and sought to restrain the BBC from broadcasting the Embassy World Snooker Championships starting on April 17.

The judge in a judgment given in chambers, pointed out to Mr Holmes that he was seeking relief in a public law field and that the evidence that he had filed did not show that he would suffer any damage over and above that of anybody else who might suffer as a result of the programme and that as such an action could only be brought by a private citizen with the leave of the Attorney-General in a relator action.

Mr Holmes wrote to the Attorney-General's office on April 3 and received a reply telling him that the procedure for relator actions was governed by Order 15, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and that he was not permitted to begin or carry on or conduct proceedings in person but must employ a solicitor.

They asked Mr Holmes to deliver to the Attorney-General's chambers a copy of the writ and statement of claim, with certificates from counsel and solicitors annexed thereto

Mr Holmes was not minded to engage counsel or solicitors and therefore was unable to comply with Order 15, rule 11.

He wrote to the Attorney-General inviting him to support his proceedings against the BBC but had received no reply.

Mr Holmes, who gave his address as "the doorstep of the *Daily Mirror*" had now appealed but in the circumstances of the case Mr Holmes could not show that he would suffer any particular damage and in the absence of the Attorney-General's leave the court could not grant him relief.

Solicitor: Mr E.A.C. Bostock.

Civil burden of proof

Regina v Swaysland

Where a statute placed the burden of proof on a defendant the normal direction which for many years had been given to a jury explained the required civil standard of proof by telling them that proof on a balance of probabilities meant that they had to be satisfied that it was more likely than not (or more probable than not) that the fact was made out.

Such a direction was in accordance with the model direction issued by the Judicial Studies Board, with the approval of the Lord Chief Justice.

Lord Justice O'Connor (sitting with Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Justice Alliott) so stated on March 10 when the Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Jack Harold Swaysland against his convictions on April 14, 1986 at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Wingate, QC and a jury) of six offences against section 1(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it had been submitted that merely telling the jury that a defendant had to prove something on a balance of probabilities might confuse them into thinking that it had to be proved that it was, so to speak, 75 per cent on the cards, whereas the true burden was "more likely than not". The balance must be tipped by the defendant, but no more was necessary.

Where, as in this case, no explanation of "balance of probabilites" was given, although the direction could not be faulted as a matter of law there might be a doubt as to whether the jury had applied the standard of proof correctly.

Corroboration categories not to be extended

Regina v Simmons

Any suggested extension of the three categories referred to in *R v Hester* ([1973] AC 296, 325) [in which a warning on the danger of convicting on uncorroborated evidence must be given to the jury] should be regarded most circumspectly.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Bush and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy, so stated on March 31 when the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by John Garth Simmons against his conviction on November 27, 1986 in the Central Criminal Court (Mr Recorder D. O. Thomas, QC and a jury) of false imprisonment, for which he was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with 12 months suspended.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was submitted that the nature of this complaint of false imprisonment was such as to make the charge for all practical purposes an accusation of a sexual offence, so that the conventional warning should have been given.

However, the fact (if it were so) that the false imprisonment was accompanied by sexual activity on the part of the appellant alone did not alter the nature of the offence so as to bring about the effect contended for by the appellant.

Their Lordships foresaw that considerable danger would arise from an unwarranted extension of the categories in which the warning had to be given.

TABLE TENNIS

Searching for calmer but fruitful times after the revolution

By a Correspondent

The English Table Tennis Association has just completed the biggest upheaval in its history. And it hopes that the sequence of changes will transform the sport that is an exhilarating spectacle of speed and delicacy into the success that in other countries has made it one of the handful of most popular sports.



Prean: promoting change

In England its popularity has dwindled: but since the election in November last year of John Prean as chairman, there has been the announcement of the abolition of the selectors, the demotion of the national director of coaching, the concentration of those areas under a supremo, Donald Parker, and the appointment of the first chief executive. "The sport is being professionalized and the prospects for the future are excellent," Prean says.

This revolution has, however, created enemies. Peter Charters, who resigned his vice-chairmanship in protest at Prean's methods, has maintained continual criticism from the wings; the chairman of selectors, Paul Day, has challenged Prean's right to remove him from office; former national coaching director, David Fairholm, is suing for alleged wrongful dismissal and at the weekend, the game's two elder statesmen, George Yates, the deputy chairman, and Aubrey Drapkin, the treasurer, resigned in protest.

This may be predictable, but if the game's health and good image is to be maintained, must not continue. Prean's critics say that he is creating too much change and going about it in the wrong way. Some have doubts about the quality of the four new vice-chairmen out of five he nominated during Saturday's national council meeting, and allege that his aim is to eliminate opposition. The clamour has been joined by some persuasive voices, some of whom want the chairman out.

There is also, though, some cause for optimism. There are apparently some useful sponsorships in the pipeline. The England men's squad is now strong enough to talk of a serious challenge upon the European title in Paris next year, and Ted Wallbutton starts as chief executive on June 1 with an encouraging record of success as marketing manager of the Squash Rackets Association.

Prean, meanwhile, has to negotiate the arrival of another deputy chairman and treasurer and make one more nomination for one of the vice-chairmanships. It is vital that all this be handled without further trouble.

National scheme for skills

By Andrew Longmore

Junior schoolchildren throughout England will be able to take part in a revolutionary scheme for encouraging athletic skills after the announcement yesterday of a £200,000 sponsorship by IBM UK Ltd.

As a result of the new three-year sponsorship, the Ten Step Award scheme, which has been run in schools in the south east since 1978, will now be extended.

The Ten Step programme, which is a natural extension of the Five-Star scheme launched in 1966, is designed mainly for children between the ages of eight and 10. "It is about fun, about play, about learning, but not about competition, and it is designed for schools which have limited facilities," Tom McNab, the scheme's innovator, said. "Recent research has shown that some primary school-children take less than five minutes exercise a day; this scheme should make a substantial difference."

ROWING

Crisis of identity

By a Special Correspondent

Organisers of the Scullers Head of the River race are canvassing ideas to speed up and improve the identification of finishers after the confusion that followed Saturday's event.

The delay in announcing the final results was mainly caused by difficulties in reading the numbers on the backs of competitors who finished in tight bunches.

Despite the conditions, there were many fine performances. The best came from Mike Disenens, who started 48th and finished 10th. Gillian Bond, the women's winner, was particularly striking to finish within a minute of the winner.

FINAL PLACINGS: Men: 1, N Burfitt, (Imperial College), 20min 47.8sec; 2, R Henderson (Lea), 20:58.4; 3, M Pollacott (Thames Tradesmen), 20:58.5 (Senior B winner); 4, M Buckingham (Marlow), 21:4.7 (Senior A winner); 5, L Fletcher (Hollingworth Lake), 21:5.4; 6 I Hopkins (Lea), 21:8.8; 7, D Hamilton (Tideway Scullers School), 21:9.8; 8, P O'Toole (Tideway Scullers School), 21:10.6 (1st lightweight and lightweight Senior A winner); 9, M Thomas (Tideway Scullers School), 21:13.8; 10, N Disenens (Wallingford), 21:20.8; 11, D Blair (Clydesdale), 21:20.7; 12, F Sinapolo (Lea), 21:21.2; 13, M Hayes (Kingston), 21:22.3 (2nd lightweight and Veteran A winner); 14, E Sims (Maidenhead), 21:23.5; 15, M Horrocks (Birmingham), 21:24.3; 16, S Redgrave (Marlow), 21:27.0; 17, A Obholzer (Emanuel School), 21:30.7 (Senior C winner); 18, S Larkin (Nottingham RC), 21:31.8; 19, C Sayce (Gloucester), 21:32.5; 20, D Randle (Tideway Scullers School), 21:32.8 (Novice winner).

Other pennant winners

MEN: Veteranmans Appreciation: S Collins (Poplar Blackwall and District), 21:58.0 (51st). Open restricted: C Guppy (Eastbourne), 22:27.7 (121st). Novice restricted: D Gumbrell (Shoreham), 232.10.4 (228th). Lightweights: 3, C Smith (Nottingham BC), 21:54.3 (22nd). Senior B: C Long (Imperial College BC), 21:58.5 (53rd). Senior C: I Watson (Robroy), 22:17.5 (100th). Juniors (last seeder-16): G Belcham (Emanuel School), 22:4.0 (71st); S Cox (Emanuel School), 22:13.5 (99th); 3, M Harris (Royal Chester RC), 22:19.1 (102nd).

WOMEN: 1, G Bond (Civil Service Ladies), 21:44.3 (36th); 2, P Bird (Tideway Scullers School), 22:28.1 (123rd); 3, C Wood (Tideway Scullers School), 22:30.1 (128th). Senior A: M McCarney (Glasgow), 22:50.3 (177th). Senior B: S Smith (Tideway Scullers School), 22:53.1 (188th). Senior C: S Panton (Thames Tradesmen), 23:28.4 (202nd). Junior: E Holman (Queens Park High School, Chester), 23:55.2 (228th).

VETERANS: Men, B: I Lloyd (Star and Arrow), 21:44.7 (37th). C: E Caldwell (Runcorn), 21:58.8 (58th). D: F Smith (Erith), 22:48.2 (169th). E: J Gumbrell (Adur Scullers), 23:21.5 (255th). Over-60: J Oldman (Thames Tradesmen), 22:30.7 (272nd). Over-70: E G Lupton (Gravesend), 24:25.5 (374th). Over-80: E Huddy (Guy's Hospital), 30:21.7 (458th). Women, A: A Elliott (Civil Service Ladies), 23:48.7 (312th); C: C Sherlock (York City), 24:32.2 (383rd); D: P Rayner (Thames), 24:47.8 (402nd); E: N Pedrick (Wimbledon Anglian and Alpha), 28:58.5 (457th).

MOTOR CYCLING

Golden finish for top riders

By Michael Scott

American and British riders in this weekend's Transatlantic Challenge will be racing for the largest-ever prize in British bike racing — a choice between three gold ingots valued at £100,000, or the equivalent in cash.

Although this is a team event, between Britain and the United States, the prize is for any individual rider who can win all nine of the races — three at Brands Hatch on Friday, the remainder at Donington Park on Sunday and Monday.

The golden carrot (three two-pound 24-carat blocks) will pit team colleagues against one another with a substantial reward for the victor. With a shortage of superstars, this should restore some of the drama that might otherwise be lacking from a series that records 11 British wins to only five American.

Twenty similar, if smaller, individual prizes have been offered before in the series' 17-year history — but nobody has yet managed the feat, although Barry Sheene came close to it in 1982, when a single mistake at Mallory Park cost him a clean sweep of wins, and a cash handout then set at £20,000.

The Transatlantic series again lacks the best of the grand prix riders like Eddie Lawson, Freddie Spencer and Randy Mamola from the United States, Rob McElnea, Roger Marshall, Roger Burnett and Niall Mackenzie from Britain. Even so, winning all nine races will be no easy matter, even for the British team leader, Ron Haslam.

Haslam this year has a full American-style Honda "superbike", in addition to intimate circuit knowledge. But there are other strong riders in the British team with the same assets, notably New Zealander Richard Scott (Honda), and Yamaha-mounted Trevor Nation.

Last year, Haslam rode a roadgoing machine, and was outclassed by the Americans Kevin Schwantz and Fred Merkel on their more powerful superbikes. Schwantz's companion this year is the Daytona winner, Wayne Rainey, and though the visiting riders will be at a disadvantage on their first visit to Brands Hatch, both have ridden at Donington Park before, and could easily claim one or more race victories.

This is the second year that the series has been contested on US-style superbikes, basically tuned-up road bikes, another point in the Americans' favour, since they will be on familiar and well-developed motorcycles. Only the top British riders have comparable bikes, prepared specially for this event.

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2.00 Jannubi.	2.00 Aramor.
2.35 Afshoun.	2.35 **AFSHOUN (nap).**
3.05 Hydraulic Power.	3.05 Hydraulic Power.
3.40 Pacan.	3.40 Pacan.
4.10 *ASTEROID FIELD (nap).*	4.10 Nadeed.
4.40 Endearing.	4.40 Azaila.

By Michael Seely

3.05 **SCARLET BLADE** (nap). 3.40 Pacan.

Going: good to soft **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 STETCHWORTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,032: 6f) (16 runners)

101	(14)	33-	*ARAMOR 173 (K Mercer)* G Huffer 9-0	G Carter	97
102	(11)	04-	**BAREFACED 251** (Lady Rose Musker) M Smyly 9-0	W Ryan	95
103	(9)	0-	**BU-SOFYAN 261** (J Khan) J Holt 9-0	J Matthias	—
104	(12)		**FULL HEARTED** (G Tong) R Armstrong 9-0	P Tulk	—
105	(13)		**JANNUBI** (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
106	(15)	003003-	**LYRICAL LOVER 163** (R Miquel) C Benstead 9-0	S Rouse	96
107	(16)	002-	**MACE-BEARER 198** (Mrs J Crawford) J Holt 9-0	P Waldron	92
108	(1)		**RESIDENCY** (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 9-0	S Whitworth	—
109	(3)		**ROUNDELAY** (S Green) J Payne 9-0	R Cochrane	—
110	(2)		**SHARP ECHO** (Miss M Shentfle) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont	—
111	(6)		*YUVRAJ (J Swift) G Lewis 9-0*	Pat Eddery	—
112	(5)	33003-	**BECHEMAL 172** (F Sangster) J Hills 8-11	W Carson	99
113	(7)	0-	**CHAMONIS 166** (I Allan) C Wall 8-11	T Ives	—
114	(4)	044-	**LITTLE UPSTART 229** (Mrs E Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	Abigail Richards	77
115	(8)		**NOTE BOOK** (Mrs F Allan) W Jarvis 8-11	S Raymond	—
116	(10)		**TREASUREBOUND** (L Ward) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 7-2 Jannubi, 4-1 Yuvraj, 5-1 Aramor, 11-2 Mace-Bearer, 8-1 Note Book, 10-1 Bechemal.

1986: NO BEATING HARTS 9-0 S Cauthen (9-1) M McCormack 22 ran

2.35 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,368: 1m) (19 runners) C 4

201	(4)	**AFSHOUN** (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
204	(19)	**BICE** (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	J Reid	—
205	(7)	*FAVOURITE GUEST (E Moller)* G Wragg 9-0	W Carson	—
207	(18)	**FREE FACT** (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 9-0	S Raymont	—
208	(6)	**FUSION** (S Niarchos) J Tree 9-0	S Cauthen	—
209	(8)	**GIANTS CASTLE** (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	M Hills	—
210	(12)	**HAIL CRITIQUE** (W Haggas) W Haggas 9-0	C McNamee	—
211	(2)	**INVASION** (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	G Starkey	—
212	(5)	**JOLIGENERATION** (A Ward) G Harwood 9-0	P Robinson	—
213	(14)	*JOSEPH (Lady Clamwilliam) J Totter 9-0*	N Howe	—
214	(11)	**KHARIF** (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	R Cochrane	—
217	(15)	**MEDIA STARGUEST** (A Clore) L Cumani 9-0	T Ives	—
218	(9)	**MEDRAR** (B) (H H Prince Y Saud) W O'Gorman 9-0	C Asmussen	—
220	(13)	**PRINCE RUPERT** (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Roberts	—
222	(3)	**SOLDIERS DUTY** (T Hemmings) A Stewart 9-0	W Ryan	—
233	(16)	**SPOT MARKET** (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Raymond	—
224	(17)	*STREET LINE (Lord Hamington) M Jarvis 9-0*	B Thomson	—
225	(10)	**WATERFIELD** (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
226	(1)	**YOUNG OFFENDER** (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douleb 9-0		

BETTING: 5-2 Joligeneration, 7-2 Giant's Castle, 6-1 Afshoun, 8-1 Prince Rupert, Young Offender, 10-1 Favourite Guest, 12-1 Free Fact, Fusion, Media Starguest, Spot Market, 16-1 others.

1986: ARMADA 9-0 G Starkey (4-5 fav) G Harwood 20 ran

AFSHOUN is well thought of by his stable and is the first foal of an unraced dam.

FUSION is a 600,000 gns half-brother to decent *juvenile* Reach Dam won the Lingfield Oaks Trial.

GIANTS CASTLE well bred, out of 1,000 gns runner-up Our Home, who is a half-sister to On So Sharp.

JOLIGENERATION is highly thought of. His stable saddled the very easy 10l winner of this event last year.

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SOLDIERS DUTY cost £37,000 as a yearling and is half-brother to several winners in the States.

Selection: GIANTS CASTLE

3.5 LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP (Listed Race: 3-Y-O: £22,337: 7f) (11 runners) C 4

302	(2)	4120-	**NOBLE MINSTREL 186** (D) (A Paulson) O Douleb 9-7	A Badel	97
303	(8)	1421-	**MIDYAN 186** (F) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 9-6	W Ryan	999
304	(7)	30311-0	**SINGING STEVEN 18** (F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 9-6	B Rouse	93
305	(6)	10-	*NEW ATTITUDE 229 (D,F)* (H H Prince Y Saud) G Harwood 9-5	G Starkey	86
307	(1)	312223-	**ONGOING SITUATION 195** (F) (Mrs W McAlpine) D Morley 9-4	R Cochrane	91
308	(5)	01-	**HYDRAULIC POWER 210** (G) (M Salem) L Piggott 9-3	Pat Eddery	87
309	(11)	311310-	**LINDA'S MAGIC 223** (F) (J Bray) R Armstrong 9-1	P Tulk	84
310	(10)	1-	**SCARLET BLADE 179** (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	93
311	(9)	3110-	**CUTTING BLADE 259** (F) (M Fustok) L Piggott 9-1	C Asmussen	86
313	(3)	13101-	**SEA DARA 285** (D,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0	T Ives	91
314	(4)	11010-4	**CROFTER'S CLINE 18** (F,G) (D Beresford) Capt J Wilson 9-0	Julie Bowker (7)	97

BETTING: 7-4 Hydraulic Power, 6-1 Midyan, Noble Minstrel, 7-1 Scarlet Blade, 8-1 New Attitude, 12-1 Cutting Blade, Sea Dara, 14-1 Singing Steven, 16-1 others.

1986: GREEN DESERT 9-7 W Swinburn (11-2) *M Stoute 8 ran*

FORM Despite top weight **NOBLE MINSTREL** (8-7) looks well handicapped if one considers a length beating (subsequently disqualified) at Greasby Lim (8-4) in a Group 2 event at Maisons-Laffitte (7f, £21868, heavy, Oct 31, 8 ran)

MIDYAN (8-11), unproven on soft, last time out a 2½l winner from On Tap (8-11) in a last run Listed race at York (6f, £7765, good to firm, Oct 11, 7 ran).

SINGING STEVEN (8-11) best form when beating Whipper In (8-11) ½l at Ascot (5f Group 3, £13984, good to firm, Oct 11, 9 ran).

HYDRAULIC POWER has changed stables, (9-0) is likely to improve considerably on a 4l beating of Imperial Frontier (9-0) at Yarmouth (6f, £3162, good, Sep 17, 14 ran).

SCARLET BLADE is prominent in the Guineas betting and looks sure to improve (8-11) on a head win over Bashayer (8-11) here last October (7f, £9974, good, 12 ran).

CUTTING BLADE (8-11) beat Polemos (8-11) a short head to win the Group 3 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, £24926, firm, June 17, 19 ran).

SEA DARA (9-1) showed decent form on final start at Phoenix Park last season (7f Group 3, Oct 4, 8 ran) when a neck winner from Sky Ninski (8-7), with **LINDA'S MAGIC** (9-1) last of the finishers.

Selection: MIDYAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	74	307	24.1
M Stoute	49	300	16.3
W Hern	31	195	15.9
W O Gorman	23	159	14.5
G Harwood	43	303	14.2
J Tree	12	91	13.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	77	509	15.1
Pat Eddery	60	420	14.3
W R Swinburn	47	329	14.3
S Whitworth	8	60	13.3
W Carson	55	447	12.3
G Starkey	39	334	11.7

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Bonanza Boy.	4.15 Croix De Guerre.
2.35 Battle King.	4.45 Hazy Sunset.
3.10 Barryphilips Disco.	5.20 Strong Gold.
3.45 Freemason.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **BONANZA BOY.**

Going: good

2.0 LILY TREE NOVICE HURDLE (£3,657: 2m 4f) (24 runners)

1		211110	**BONANZA BOY** (D,BF) (Mrs J Debenham) P Hobbs 6-11-12	Peter Hobbs	99
3		P/0-P	*ARCTIC CAMP (M Payton) F Walwyn 7-11-7*	R Pusey	—
6		011	**CANFORD PALM** (Mrs M Cobham) F Winter 6-11-7	P Scudamore	80
10		11	**GREEN STEPS** (Lady A Bentinck) J Glover 5-11-7	S Johnson	78
11		0-00000	**HANSEL'S RUN** (P Hannen) Miss E Sweid 6-11-7	A Gorman	—
12		02	**HJANI** (G Walsh-Waring) G Prest 6-11-7	P Croucher	64
14		00-F	**JERRY'S WISH** (Mrs J Lundgren) G Gracey 6-11-7	R Beggan	—
15		212403	**KINGSWOOD KITCHENS** (J Joseph) D Elsworth 7-11-7	J Frost	84
16			**KNIGHTON LAD** (J South) O Sherwood 6-11-7	C Cox	—
18		F0000	**LOSS ADJUSTER** (J Huckle) C Tristine 5-11-7	J Bryan	61
19			**MICK THE TACKER** (G Tonkin) J Baker 5-11-7	M Williams	—
21		14122P	*PALA CHIEF (D) (J Upson) T Casey 5-11-7*	E Buckley	82
23			**PIONEER RUN** (Mrs S Paul) W Paul 5-11-7	M Catnell	—
24		00	**PROMANDO LAD** (C Ash) R Armytage 5-11-7	Miss G Armytage (4)	—
25		022	**PYLEIGH PRINCE** (Mrs C Brittain) T Ball 6-11-7	R Crank	66
28		00	**SOUTHERNS** (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 5-11-7	E Murphy	—
29		033	**STEEPLE VIEW** (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-7	S Sherwood	72
30		031	**SUNBEAM TALBOT** (D) (Mrs R Legoux) R Armytage 6-11-7	Mr M Armytage (4)	85
35		2-10223	*YEOMAN BROKER (D) (Mrs H Allwen) J Gifford 6-11-7*	R Rowe	82
37		043241	**FORMIDABLE LADY** (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 5-11-2	M Harrington	64
38		3230-	**ROMANA** (M Moore) J Jenkins 5-11-2	J White	87
39		00083P	**TENNIS TRACK** (J Wilsons) Mrs E Kennard 9-11-2	R Boucher (7)	—
42		0P	**RED SINGH** (C Read) C Read 4-11-0	M Perrett	—
44		00	**LAST HOUSE** (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 4-10-9	A Jones	—

BETTING: 9-4 Bonanza Boy, 4-1 Yeoman Broker, 9-2 Pala Chief, 8-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 9-1 Steeple View, 10-1 Canford Palm, 14-1 Kingswood Kitchens, 16-1 Green Steps, 20-1 others.

1986: MRS MUCK 5-11-2 P Scudamore (8-1) N Twiston-Davies 20 ran

2.35 ROYAL FERN NOVICE CHASE (£7,196: 3m) (18 runners) BBC 2

1	4U30F2	**ABEROY** (Miss T Stone) R Champion 8-11-8	N Doughty	73
3	F-63F00	**ALSIRI** (B) (M Dance) P W Harris 8-11-8	R Strange	75
4	40000P	**AVON VALE** (P Locke) P Cundell 6-11-8	Mr S Cowley	64
5	000423	**BATTLE KING** (BF) (Mrs D Beddington) F Winter 6-11-8	P Scudamore	99
7		44FU	**BRIDGETOWN LAD** (BF) (V Raiben) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-8	S Morshead	83
10		F30F4F	**DOCK BRIEF** (BF) (Wolstone Comps Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-8	M Perrett	83
11		000P40	**DOUBLE UP** (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 10-11-8	Miss G Armytage	—
13		FU22F0	**GIOLMING** (A Murphy) K Morgan 7-11-8	G Landau	76
14		PP20P0	**HOPEFUL SAINT** (T King) W King 9-11-8	H Jeakins	69
16		30-32P3	**LLANPADRIG** (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 7-11-8	M Perrett	69
17		0U0020	**LUCKY VINTAGE** (Miss M Preece) P Prichard 10-11-8	D Chinn	78
19		2-41034	**MET OFFICER** (M Skinner) M Skinner 7-11-8	R Dunwoody	76
20		3F0042	**ORCHID BAY** (B) (R Sims) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-8	M Pitman	90
21		3442	**OYDE HILLS** (Mrs B Bletsoe) K Morgan 8-11-8	Mr J Osborne	92
22		00/P3PF	**PELION** (Mrs A Garrett) J King 7-11-8	S McNeill	82
23		10323U	*TEN IN HAND (J Cechanowski) M Hinchliffe 7-11-8*	L Harvey	87
24		120-F32	**TWIN OAKS** (J Moreton) D Murray-Smith 7-11-8	C Brown	87
25		30P/023	**VICK THE BUSKER** (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 10-11-8	G McCourt	81

BETTING: 100-30 Battle King, 9-2 Ten In Hand, 11-2 Twin Oaks, 6-1 Orchid Bay, 8-1 Llanpadrig, Bridgetown Lad, 10-1 Oyde Hills, 12-1 Pelion, 14-1 Vick The Busker, 16-1 others.

1986: WHITSUNDAY 7-11-8 S Smith Eccles (11-8 fav) N Henderson 16 ran

FORM ***BATTLE KING*** *(11-5) stayed on at one pace when 22l 3rd to Salehurst (11-5) at Lingfield (2m 4f, heavy), previously (11-4) showed better form when a head 2nd to Master Bob (11-10) at Newbury (2m 4f, £2361, soft, Feb 14, 8 ran).*

ORCHID BAY (11-1) lacked speed from the last when 3l 2nd to Border Lad (11-1) at Huntingdon (3m, £1599, heavy, Apr 1, 10 ran)

OYDE HILLS (12-0) showed much improved form to finish 8l 2nd to Mighty Mark (12-7), with **DOCK BRIEF** (12-0) 9l behind in 4th, **LUCKY VINTAGE** (12-0) just over 17l further away 6th and **TEN IN HAND** (12-0) a 13m fence casualty at Cheltenham (4m, £10521, good, Mar 18, 30 ran).

LUCKY VINTAGE (10-10) better judged on previous outing when a short head 2nd to Funchan View (10-10) with **TEN IN HAND** (10-10) 3l further back in 3rd at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, £2685, soft, Feb 14, 14 ran).

TWIN OAKS (11-3) far from disgraced when 9l 2nd to Foyle Fisherman (11-3), with **HOPEFUL SAINT** (11-3) in a well beaten 7th and **ALSIRI** (11-3) 8th at Lingfield (3m, £2080, good to soft, Mar 20, 19 ran).

VICK THE BUSKER (11-0) one pace from last when 21l 3rd to Springwood Boy (11-0) at Towcester (2m 5f, £1633, soft, Mar 26, 15 ran).

Selection: BATTLE KING

3.10 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £12,154: 2m 4f) (11 runners) BBC 2

2		121311	**GEE-A** (D) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 8-12-0 (6ex)	Miss G Armytage (4)	96
5		F4-1124	**DUNKIRK** (D) (J Hartnett) M E Francis 11-10-11	M Richards	95
6		0-11029	**OLYMPIC PRIZE** (C) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-10-7	Peter Hobbs	96
7		0F1FF2	*WOLLOW WILL (B) (Mrs P Foot) F Winter 8-10-3*	P Scudamore	95
9		00-F3F	**MARYLEBONE** (Lady Harris) G Balding 8-10-0	S Moore	90
10		0-43FF1	**TARCONEY** (R Whittle) P Cundell 7-10-0	R Strange	96
11		0-P0304	**DEWSPRY BOY** (D) (P Brown) F Winter 7-10-0	G Moore	87
13		0323-0P	**AMRULLAH** (T Thom) J Bridger 7-10-0	R Beggan	89
14		23F021	**BARRYPHILIPS DISCO** (D) (I Enger) R Whitaker 10-10-0	R Dunwoody	99
15		4F4-3U3	**FRIENDLY HENRY** (R Wright) J Fox 7-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—
18		001110	**JAUNTER** (BF) (Whitting Commodities) W Holden 7-10-0		

BETTING: 9-4 Gee-A, 100-30 Tarconey, 9-2 Wollow Wal, 6-1 Barryphilips Disco, 9-1 Dunkirk, 12-1 Olympic Prize, 14-1 Marylebone, Dewspry Boy, 16-1 others.

1986: REPINGTON 8-10-3 C Hawkins (9-1) N Crump 13 ran

FORM **GEE-A** (10-13) rallied bravely on the run-in to beat Karenomore (11-2) 1½l at Liverpool (2m 4f, £5111, soft, Apr 2, 13 ran)

WOLLOW WILL (11-7) stayed on at one pace from 3 out when 12l 2nd to Long Engagement (11-3) at Sandown (2m, £3612, good, Mar 14, 9 ran).

TARCONEY (11-6) stepped up on previous efforts when beating Bajan Sunshine (11-6) 2l at Sandown (2m 4f, £3372, good, Mar 13, 13 ran).

FRIENDLY HENRY (11-0) lacked speed from 2 out when 12l 3rd to Lucky Rascal (11-0), with **DUNKIRK** (11-4) 10l further behind in 4th at Sandown (2m 4f, £4799, good to soft, Mar 31, 10 ran).

DUNKIRK (11-7) better judged on a 3 length beating of Gold Tycoon (11-7) at Lingfield (2m 4f, £2344, good to soft, Feb 5, 13 ran) with **WOLLOW WILL** (11-7) was a 3rd fence casualty

BARRYPHILIPS DISCO (11-9) put up best effort to date when not fully extended to beat Hal's Guard (11-9) 3l at Newcastle (2m 4f, £1706, good, Mar 23, 14 ran)

Selection: TARCONEY

3.45 TRILLIUM HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,012: 2m) (11 runners) BBC 2

2		002201	*BEAT THE RETREAT (CD) (A Forster) J Jenkins 6-11-11*	S Smith Eccles	98
3		11-22F0	**FREEMASON** (D) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-1	S Sherwood	92
4		100000	**ORYX MINOR** (D) (R Trumper) S Mellor 7-11-0	G Landau (4)	97
6		0-010F0	*CAWARRA LAD (D) (Mrs M Holden) C James 8-10-12*	C Brown	92
8		011320	**MUSICAL MYSTERY** (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 5-10-10	R Rowe	89
9		1-021F4	**FUEGO BOY** (D) (A Darlington) A J Wilson 7-10-10	C Cox	84
10		44000F	**MENINGI** (D) (H Perry) N Mitchell 8-10-8	L Harvey (4)	94
11		030P01	**SNOWBALL DANNY** (CD) (A Ward) D A Wilson 7-10-6	P Scudamore	99
12		14-1100	**UPHAM GAMBLE** (D) (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 5-10-3	A Webb	92
15		23P2-PF	**CINNABUE** (H & H Removals Ltd) C Read 8-10-0	M Perrett	78
16		000001	**SEA PENNANT** (D) (I Jones) I R Jones 11-10-0	C Evans (4)	81

BETTING: 2-1 Beat The Retreat, 4-1 Snowball Danny, 5-1 Freemason, 6-1 Musical Mystery, 8-1 Meningi, 10-1 Fuego Boy, 12-1 Upham Gamble, 14-1 others.

1986: JOBROKE 6-10-11 J J O'Neill (7-4 fav) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM **BEAT THE RETREAT** (11-7) came right back to best on latest start when beating Inlander (11-7) ¾l at Ascot (2m, £4714, good to soft, Apr 8, 8 ran).

ORYX MINOR has been below best on recent outings, on seasonal debut (11-10) got up close home to beat **FREEMASON** (11-5) ½l at Kempton (2m, £2574, good to soft, Nov 20, 10 ran).

CAWARRA LAD (10-5) is best judged on a 20l beating of *Bellatas Lad (10-3)* at Fontwell (2m 2f, £4753, good to soft, Dec 2, 11 ran).

On penultimate outing **MUSICAL MYSTERY** (10-11) was not disgraced when 3l 2nd to Metman (10-10), with **FREEMASON** (11-5) holding every chance when *failing 2 out at Stratford* (2m, £3657, good to soft, Feb 7, 17 ran).

FUEGO BOY (10-8) 9½l 4th to Molojec (10-0) at Liverpool (2m, £6218, good, Apr 4, 17 ran) with **MENINGI** (10-10) was staying on in 4th when a fast flight casualty.

SNOWBALL DANNY (11-6) returned to best with a ½l beating of *Sir Lucky* (10-3) at Lingfield (2m, £2149, good, Mar 20, 10 ran).

Selection: ORYX MINOR

4.15 ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,306: 3m) (17 runners)

1		4343P4	**PIKE'S PEAK** (CD) (Lord Scarnes) N Henderson 6-11-10	S Smith Eccles	93
4		314222	*F 'RTING MARINER (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-3*	J Lower	98
5		010221	*A NDAVI (Mrs K Anderson) N Henderson 5-11-2 (4ex)*	M Bowlby (4)	96
7		4-41220	**D. 'VS GAMBLE** (R Gilder) J Gifford 6-10-12	R Rowe	92
8		28-00P3	**NEL LAR** (D) (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-10-10	G Landau (4)	99
9		1-0002	**BESPOKE** (Mrs W Hern) T Forster 6-10-10	H Davies	90
10		30-F000	**NIALAN** (B,CD) (N De Savary) T Forster 7-10-8	R Dunwoody	94
12		00301F	**CROIX DE GUERRE** (D) (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-8	B de Haan	96
13		143200	**ACCURACY** (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-10-5	A Charlton (7)	91
15		U00030	**EMO FOREVER** (B,D) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 7-10-5	L Wyer	92
16		111000	**MISTER PITT** (C,D) (A Merritt) T Ball 8-10-5	R Crank	95
17		1-40P30	**HIGH RENOWN** (B,D) (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 7-10-5	S Sherwood	93
18		230410	*BLUFF COVE (D) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-10-4*	P Dever	94
19		1-0010	**MR FOG PATCHES** (C) (I Macaulay) F Winter 5-10-3	P Scudamore	93
22		21P000	**INDIAN MAJOR** (Miss P Barnes) Miss P Barnes 10-10-0	M Bastard	91
24		100013	**CRISP** (B,BF) (J Bodie) C Read 8-10-0	M Perrett	88
26		040000	**DEW** (Kestrel Cases Ltd) R Holder 6-10-0	N Coleman	81

BETTING: 7-2 Mandavi, 9-2 Sporting Mariner, 6-1 Croix de Guerre, 7-1 Newlar, 8-1 Bespoke, Pike's Peak, 10-1 Mr Fog Patches, Accuracy, 12-1 Bluff Cove, Crisp, 14-1 others.

1986: PIKE'S PEAK 5-11-0 M Bowlby (7-2 fav) N Henderson 19 ran

4.45 MAHONIA HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,863: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2	0U-1142	**ELIOGARTY** (BF) (Miss C Beasley) M Robinson 12-12-1	Miss C Beasley	93
3	P021-F1	**JACK OF ALL TRADES** (D) (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 11-12-1	A Hill	70
4	111420	**STAND BACK** (D) (D Bloor) D Bloor 10-12-1	D Bloor	69
5	31	**ASTRAL SPIRIT** (D) (P Mortimer) P Mortimer 7-11-11	T Smith	59
6	F1P-2P4	**EDENSPRING** (J Newton) J Newton 8-11-11	J Newton	73
8	22UFP-1	**HAZY SUNSET** (D) (C Cronin) F Winter 10-11-11	C Brooks	99
9	3000/41-	**MESMERIST** (V) (A Lee-Smith) A Lee-Smith 14-11-11	Miss A Parker	58
10	00/13F-1	**RAGAFAN** (C Wood) C Wood 10-11-11	Miss G Armytage	79
12	01PPPF/	**ASHFORD DITTON** (C) (O Carter) O Carter 12-11-7	—	—
13	FP/0-0P0	**BUCK AND WING** (Mrs T Arthur) Mrs T Arthur 12-11-7	Miss J Arthur	—
16	24/FP0-2	**MEGABIT** (Miss M Angell) Miss M Angell 8-11-7	A Walker	70
17	0F0002/	**RIBOT STAR** (Mrs S Menzies) Mrs S Menzies 8-11-7	—	—
18	32/	**SIR DOMINO** (R Cooper) R Cooper 9-11-7	A Tory	—
20	2P/3323	**YOUNG LOVER** (D) (Mrs O Jackson) Mrs O Jackson 9-11-7	T Thomson Jones	86

BETTING: 11-8 Eliogarty, 3-1 Hazy Sunset, 11-2 Jack Of All Trades, 8-1 Ragafan, 10-1 Young Lover.

1986: SEAMWAM 8-11-11 D Naylor-Leyland (11-4) O Sherwood 12 ran

5.20 E B F WILD BOAR STAKES NH FLAT RACE (£2,508: 2m) (30 runners)

2	12	**SAND KEY** (D) (Mrs A Sanders) M Pipe 5-11-13	J Lower	—
6	1	**STRONG GOLD** (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-7	D Byrne (7)	—
10		*BATTY BEATLE (R Frost) R Frost 5-11-5*	Mr F Brant	—
11	00-	**BEACHAMWELL** (Mrs L Carter) R Carter 5-11-5	S Woods (7)	—
12		**BEAU CHARLECOTE** (M Smallman) R Shepherd 5-11-5	Mr M Smallman	—
14		**COMPETITIVE BID** (Mrs A de la Cerda-Gaustad) P Hobbs 5-11-5	I Wright (7)	—
15		**DERCANDER** (Lady S FitzAlan-Howard) Lady Herries 5-11-5	—	—
18		**ETON RUN** (Mrs A Lee) Mrs D Haine 5-11-5	Mr T Thomson Jones	—
20		**GROVELANDS** (P Smith) R Curtis 5-11-5	K Traylor (7)	—
25		**MILITARY TWO STEP** (R Mead) G Balding 5-11-5	Mr G Oxley (7)	—
28		**PRICE AND SIZE** (T Lewis) S Christian 5-11-5	Mr G Upton (7)	—
29		**QUARRY MERCHANT** (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 5-11-5	Mrs T Hill (7)	—
32		*SPACE PEARL (M Scudamore) M Scudamore 5-11-5*	J Brown (7)	—
33		**SPINNING LARK** (Mrs S Hobbs) P Hobbs 5-11-5	Mrs S Hobbs (7)	—
34		**SUMMER SAGA** (Maj R Thorman) D Tucker 5-11-5	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—
41		**GOLD DIGGINGS** (R Henderson) N Kernack 6-11-1	M Yeoman	—
43	00-	**MORETON BAY** (Miss S French) Mrs J French 5-11-1	Miss S French	—
50		**ATLANTIC PIRATE** (Mrs J Hicks) T Hallett 4-11-0	D Morris (7)	—
53		**BOLD KING'S HUSSAR** (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 4-11-0	Mr M Armytage (4)	—
56		**CERTAIN STYLE** (P Stamp) M H Easterby 4-11-0	R Gentry (7)	—
61		**EROSTINDEVELOPMENT** (J Upson) T Casey 4-11-0	P Harley (7)	—
62		**FORT SUMTER** (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-11-0	I Lawrence (7)	—
66		**IN ORDER** (T Dunbar) M Henchiffe 4-11-0	R Goodwin (7)	—
67		**JUST SO** (Miss J Barrow) R Barrow 4-11-0	D Meastow (7)	—
70		*MASTER GLEASON (Mrs J Murray-Smith) D Murray-Smith 4-11-0*	S Saltmarsh (7)	—
73		*PENYGROES (P Sugden) G Prest 4-11-0*	Mr N Robb (7)	—
76		**SURE METAL** (Mrs D McCain) D McCain 4-11-0	—	—
77		**TSARITSYN** (Mrs C Henty) N Henderson 4-11-0	M Bowlby (4)	—
82		**CLOVE BUD** (R Jenks) *N Gaselee 4-10-9*	M Hazell (7)	—
84		**ROSE LANCASTER** (M Griffin) T Hallett 4-10-6	Samantha Dunster (7)	—

BETTING: 10-11 Strong Gold, 11-4 Sand Key, 11-2 Tsaritsyn, 10-1 Certain Style, 12-1 Military Two Step.

1986: THE CHERRY MAN 4-10-10 C Cox (12-1) *O Sherwood 28 ran*

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
M H Easterby	12	29	41.4
S Mellor	7	30	23.3
F Walwyn	15	70	21.4
N Gaselee	7	37	18.9
D Elsworth	13	71	18.3
F Winter	26	154	16.9

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Smith Eccles	16	82	19.5
C Brown	15	77	19.5
P Scudamore	24	136	17.6
R Rowe	11	106	10.2
H Davies	6	61	9.8

Only qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 **TIMESFORM** (CD,BF) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Owing to technical problems, our 'days since last outing' feature has been omitted from three of today's cards.

3.40 AUDI SPORT HANDICAP TROPHY (£6,295: 1m 6f) (11 runners) C 4

402	(2)	211121-	**PAEAN 186** (C,F,S) (Lord H de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-8	S Cauthen	91
405	(4)	31212-	**BUCKLEY 181** (D,F,G) (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 4-9-2	R Cochrane	94
406	(1)	100/421-	**JANISKI 296** (F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 4-8-13	W Carson	96
407	(3)	122340-	**MAJESTICIAN 192** (F) (D Romain) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-12	W Ryan	91
409	(9)	203114-	**POKEY'S PRIDE 174** (D,F) (Mrs M Mann



Willie Carson drives out Morconette to win the Geoffrey Barling Stakes at Newmarket yesterday, providing Dick Hern with his first success of the season (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Martha Stevens victory clouds Guineas picture

By Michael Seely

Henry Cecil's all-conquering team continued its triumphant march forward at Newmarket yesterday when Steve Cauthen and Martha Stevens handed out a four-length beating to Tony Ives on Invited Guest in the Juddmonte Farms Nell Gwyn Stakes. The six-times champion trainer has now saddled five winners from eight runners so far this campaign.

Cauthen gave a masterly exhibition of waiting in front on the only member of yesterday's field not to have been entered for the 1,000 Guineas. After asking his mount to lengthen her stride soon after passing The Bushes, the former champion had only to keep Martha Stevens up to her work for an unchallenged win. Raahia came home strongest of all to take third place, only a neck behind Invited Guest.

"We had it all sewn up four out," said Cauthen afterwards. "I kept on looking around as I couldn't believe how easily we were winning."

Talking about his winner, Cecil said: "Martha Stevens showed a lot of ability before her only race as a two-year-old but was wrong afterwards. So I sent her home to her owner's stud and she was never entered for the classic. But she needs a bit more time and there are always races like the Coronation Stakes at Ascot." The trainer still has such fillies as Gayane, Scimitarra and At Risk to be considered for the 1,000.

Invited Guest, the even-money favourite, was travelling smoothly enough at The Bushes but failed to show her usual fine powers of acceleration. "She just didn't fire," said Ives.

Discussing the filly and Shady Heights, his possible Derby candidate, Robert Armstrong commented: "She was giving 5lb away, didn't like the soft ground and found the trip too short. I'll still make up my mind at the weekend about which Guineas to run her in. Shady Heights could go for the Easter Stakes at Kempton on Saturday or I might keep him in reserve for the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown."

Ben Hanbury, the trainer of last season's 1,000 Guineas and Oaks winner, Midway Lady, was thrilled with Raahia. "She's got a problem which caused her to miss three vital pieces of work," he said. "If things go all right, she's bound to run well in the big race."

Not surprisingly, Miesque's odds for the classic have further shortened after yesterday's inconclusive result. Francois Boutin's Prix d'Imprudence winner is now 4-1 favourite with Ladbrokes, who offer 5-1 against Forest Flower, 8-1 Minstrella, 12-1 Milligram and 14-1 Invited Guest.

The supporting Abernant Stakes resulted in a decisive victory for the versatile David Elsworth when Brian Rouse rode Governor General to an emphatic victory over Que Sympatica and Handsome Sailor.

"This is a good sprinter," said the trainer. "I'll probably bring him back here for the Palace House Stakes." It was also good to hear that Desert Orchid, last Wednesday's gallant Ascot winner is still on course for the Whitbread Gold Cup. "He's sending out all the right signals and the owners are keen to have a go," Elsworth concluded.

The stewards found that David Price on Lonely Street had interfered with Ray Cochrane on Taranga and suspended him for four days from April 23-26 inclusive for careless riding.

Handsome Sailor's trainer, Barry Hills, had earlier been given further evidence of the well-being of his Manton stable when Cash Asmussen had sent Lord Justice home 2½ lengths clear of Sudden Victory in the April Maiden Stakes for Robert Sangster. This was the second formerly Michael Dickinson-trained three-year-old to win this season. "He needs a mile and a half already and will go for the Chester Vase," added the trainer.

For a few strides in the Geoffrey Barling Stakes, Asmussen looked like landing his second British success of the season on Guest Performer, but Willie Carson and Morconette proved the stronger in a dour last-furlong struggle.

Dick Hern was delighted to have landed his first blow of 1987 with Lord Rotherwick's full sister to Morcon. "She did that well and I'll probably send her to one of the established Oaks trials," said the royal trainer. Morconette has been introduced into the Oaks betting at 25-1.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Newmarket

Going: good

2.0 (1m 4f) 1. LORD JUSTICE (C Asmussen, 9-2); 2. Sudden Victory (S Keighley, 20-1); 3. Shimshek (M Hills, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-favs Cabot Cliff, Builders (4th), 9 Nipped Off (6th), 20 Mednan, 25 Ashfold Cottage (5th), Time For Joy, 33 Blup, Double Gift. 10 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 5l, H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £7.40; £2.80, £1.00, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £19.38.

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4.0 (1m) 1. CUMUTE (P Cook, 13-8 fav); 2. Eagle Destiny (A McGlone, 100-30); 3. Arcville Fred (N Carlisle, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Marsoom, 9 Garda's Gold (4th), 12 Run By Jove, 16 Jagan Sombong, Posts Day, 20 Loadsels (6th), Manabel, Temperance Way, 33 Another Smokey, Coast Lush, Highdale, Elecnic Dreams, Trooper Sergeant, Xylophone (5th), Brackley, 18 ran. NR: Dalsingo, Teed Bore. 2l, 1l, 5l, ¾l, 1l, N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.00; £2.00, £1.90, £3.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £8.21.

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Placepot: £23.15

Wolverhampton

Going: soft

2.30 (5f) 1. ON THE RECORD (T Williams, 9-2); 2. Swiss Connection (G Duffield, 7-2); 3. Praiseworthy (P Cook, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Bingdon Bushes (4th), 9 Nipped Off (6th), 20 Mednan, 25 Ashfold Cottage (5th), Time For Joy, 33 Blup, Double Gift. 10 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 5l, H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £7.40; £2.80, £1.00, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £19.38.

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Devon & Exeter

Going: soft

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Wilaning Dancer (R Rowell, 14-1); 2. Hope Diamond (6-5 fav); 3. Winter Haven (6-1). 16 ran. NR: The Quistan, Alcaba. 2l, 15l, Miss L Bower. Tote: £17.90; £5.20, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £17.10. CSF: £27.17. After a stewards inquiry result stands.

2.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Tandernagee (B Dowling, 50-1); 2. Up Cooke (16-1); 3. Vipsanie (9-2). H And R Hattrick 9-4 fav. 18 ran, sh hd, 3l, R Lee. Tote: £6.50; £7.50, £2.90, £2.90, £7.20. DF: (winner or second) £8.00. CSF: £803.32. Tricast: £3,851.89.

3.15 (2m 1f ch) 1. Panto Prince (K Mooney, 7-2); 2. Paddyboro (3-1 fav); 3. Cima (14-1). 13 ran. 7l, 2l. L Kennard. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £1.90. £3.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £12.36. Tricast: £107.86.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Torwaida (D Murphy, 2-1 fav); 2. Penryn Boy (20-1); 3. Dear Bob (3-1). 16 ran, 3l, 10l. B Curley. Tote: £9.70; £2.50, £7.60, £1.90. DF: £110.00. CSF: £43.25.

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1. Swaggering (Mr I Widdicombe, 6-4 fav); 2. Rufolaa (8-1); 3. Golden Link (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Arctic Manner, Buck's Mill. 5l, 20l. J Salter. Tote: £2.50; £1.80, £1.60, £3.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £12.45.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Jimsy Lorenzo (M Richards, 3-1 fav); 2. Cons Pal (14-1); 3. Lord Murphy (9-1). 4. Fort Rupert (6-1). 18 ran, 3l, 6l. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £4.70, £3.00, £2.50. DF: £31.70. CSF: £38.39. Tricast: £300.51.

Placepot: £14.85.

● Gainsay, the recent Cheltenham and Liverpool winner, heads a possible six-strong English challenge for Monday's Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse, the first £100,000 chase to be run in the British Isles. The other English-trained horses among the 31 four-day acceptors are Catch Phrase, Castle Warden, Church Warden, Bucko and Cerimau. The race will be televised on BBC1 and Channel 4.

● Tyrone Williams completed a 48½–1 double with Timbuck and On The Record at Wolverhampton yesterday. On The Record was a first winner of the season for Henry Candy, who was also on the mark later in the day at Newmarket with Billet.

Point-to-point

RESULTS: CLIFTON-ON-TEME (Upper Sapey): Rest: 1. Gerturffle: 2. Winterley; 3. Quick Fit. Open: 1. Cider's Nephew; 2. Emperor Charles; 3. Gene's Rogue. Ladies: 1. Pat Orley; 2. Little Trouble; 3. Duesenburg. Audi Adj: 1. Pohola; 2. French Lieutenant; 3. Rika Mia. Mdn: 1. Paper Lady; 2. Master's Magic; 3. Maidey Her Last.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Axe Vale Harriers, Stafford Cross, 2m W of Seaton off A3052 (first race 2.0); Cheshire; Alpraham, 3m SE of Tarporley off A51 (2.0).

Fight against Alzheimer's disease spurs on *The Times's* runner

Rawlinson races against time

Within a few hours of learning he was one of the 12 chosen as *The Times/Tandem Computers* runners in the Mars London marathon, John Rawlinson had logged a 16-mile training spin. His near-panic to build up mileage was understandable – since his first London marathon in 1982, Rawlinson has been rejected each time.

With the motivation gone, he confined his running to sessions of four or five miles with friends. Then came the confirmation that he had been successful in *The Times'* search for fund-runners to occupy the last places arranged by Tandem, the official suppliers of computers to the race. With only four weeks left, something drastic was needed.

"I know that for a marathon you must train over at least two-thirds of the distance, so I ran that 16-miler as soon as possible," said Rawlinson. But he overlooked the elementary fact that dehydration occurs in training just as much as in racing. "I was pretty well all in," he said at his home at Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.

His crash training programme includes: the 16-mile effort, four-mile run next day, another four, then a 10, then four, four, 16 and so on. Eve-of-race-day, Saturday, May 9, is left clear and with advice, he has blanked out the Friday, too. It is preferable to go to the start line feeling frustrated over not training than cramming in too many miles beforehand.

Rawlinson, aged 35, is a town planning officer with the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames. Since 1982, he has run a couple of half-marathons, a 10-kilometre race and the *Sunday Times* Fun Run annually. He has also done fell-walking during the holidays and some orienteering.

He has two objectives on May 10: to better the time of 3hr 29min he achieved five years ago and to raise as much money as he can for the Alzheimer's Disease Society. One in 10 people over the age of 65 – 750,000 in Britain and excluding those in the pre-senile stage of the disease – suffer from Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Many people are struck down earlier with the classic symptoms: a progressive decline in memory, thought and reasoning ability until the personality changes. The effect on close relatives can be devastating and there is no known cure.



Rawlinson: 16-mile spin

Rawlinson's wife, Anne, and her mother, Mrs Betty Richmond, help run the Sutton branch of the society, one of whose aims is to provide 'respite care', so relatives can have time off from caring for their ailing relatives. Mrs Rawlinson's father died from the disease five years ago.

"In 1982 I made about £100 for cancer research. This time I hope a lot more, perhaps £1,000," he said. Now Anne promises to help him achieve this by providing refreshments on his next long training effort. After all, as treasurer, she has a vested interest in seeing he raises as much money as possible for the society during the race from Greenwich to Westminster Bridge.

Michael Coleman

FOOTBALL: THE CHALLENGE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP INTENSIFIES

Tottenham preparing to close gap on Everton

The next seven days will make it clear to Everton if they have a challenger for the championship other than Liverpool. David Pleat, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, who are third, said yesterday: "At the moment they just have the threat of a challenge as far as we are concerned."

This evening Tottenham will try to close the gap – they are 10 points behind Everton with two games in hand – by winning against Manchester City at Maine Road.

"We have four games in the next seven days, three of them away, and we will need a massive amount of energy, good luck and good play to come through it still in the chase," Pleat said.

Tottenham take 16 players to Manchester, adding O'Shea, Bowen and Galvin to the squad on duty for last Saturday's FA Cup semi-final against Watford. Hughton needed treatment on a leg injury after the win over Watford and Ardiles has a sore knee, so Stevens and Claesen, who were substitutes on Saturday, are likely to be included in the starting line-up.

"We certainly still have the League as one of our targets, but I am aware that there is a danger of relaxing after clinching Wembley and we cannot afford to slip up," Pleat said.

Tottenham follow the Manchester City game with Charlton Athletic (home) on Saturday, West Ham United (away) on Easter Monday and Wimbledon (away) on April 22. Four wins would make their visit to Everton on May 1 very interesting.

City, who are bottom of the table, have dropped their winger, David White, aged 19, and called up the former England international, Peter Barnes. According to the City manager, Jimmy Frizzell: "David is a bundle of nerves and needs a rest.

"We have had a chat and David agrees with me that he is finding the pressure very difficult to cope with. I have no doubt he will bounce back."

Barnes is recalled after missing the last four games as Frizzell relies on experience. Simpson and May are in a City squad of 13.

Yet it will take something of a miracle for City to escape relegation to the second division now. Frizzell said: "Spurs have got class in every department so we realize it couldn't be a more testing game for us."

Ailing club facing collapse

Rotherham United, the third division club, will fold at the end of the season unless a financial rescue package is put together. The club, with debts totalling £750,000 and losing £3,000 a week, have called in accountants to administer their affairs.

David Stokes, an insolvency expert, said he was looking for a "fairy godmother" to save the club. "My job is to help provide some breathing space while work goes on trying to put a rescue package together," he said. "The club's wages have been guaranteed until the end of the season through the backing of two Rotherham companies. But unless a substantial injection of funds can be found the club's future will remain in doubt."

● David Speedie, Chelsea's unsettled Scottish international forward, scored three goals in the Football Combination 4-0 win against QPR at Stamford Bridge yesterday. He missed a chance of a fourth goal when he put a penalty over the bar.

● Tom Jones, a 21-year-old Weymouth midfielder, could soon follow in the footsteps of Graham Roberts by playing in the Scottish premier division. Jones, an England non-league international, is having a week's trial with Aberdeen. Roberts, who moved from Tottenham to Glasgow Rangers earlier this season, began his career with Weymouth.

● Huddersfield Town have agreed to pay more than £20,000 to their former manager Mick Buxton. Huddersfield were bottom of the second division when Buxton was dismissed two days before Christmas with 18 months of his three-year contract still to run.

● Darren Wood, the Chelsea defender, has been keeping a careful eye on the battle between Scarborough and Barnet for a place in the fourth division next season. Wood, aged 22, whose father Terry is chairman of GM Vauxhall conference leaders Scarborough, has been on several 'spying' missions for the Yorkshire club in London this season.

Wood said: "I try to watch Scarborough whenever they play in London and even spent last weekend with the club. I hope they win promotion. I'm looking forward to playing against my father in the football league."

Coventry seek rare 'double'

Coventry City, who reached the final of the FA Cup for the first time in their 104-year history at the weekend, now have their sights set on a "double" that has eluded all but Arsenal and Everton in the last 35 years. For Coventry's youth team have made it a twin celebration by reaching the final of the two-legged FA Youth Cup, where they meet Charlton Athletic.

Six clubs have reached both finals in the past but only Arsenal, in their 1971 League and FA Cup-winning year, and Everton, three seasons ago, have come away with both trophies. Manchester United's seniors let the club down in 1957, while West Ham's youngsters failed to emulate the first team in 1964 and 1975, and then denied Tottenham the Cup "double" in 1981.

Mick Coop, a former Coventry full back, in charge of Coventry's youth side, said: "It's all part of our marvellous season, and owes a great deal to the family atmosphere which managing director George Curtis and chief coach John Sillett have instilled at the club. We hope both teams will have something to celebrate at the end of the season."

Emerson sets his Wembley target

By a Special Correspondent

Dean Emerson, the Coventry City midfield player who has missed the three FA Cup rounds leading up to the final, has set himself a two-week fitness deadline in an attempt to earn a place against Spurs on May 16. Emerson chipped a bone in his knee against Chelsea eight weeks ago and this prevented him from playing a part in the Cup successes over Stoke, Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds.

"There is a lot of hard work ahead for him if he is going to be available for Wembley" John Sillett, coach, said. "He is, perhaps, two weeks away from playing again but it is a case of blood, sweat and tears if he is to make it. However, he is a brave lad and is determined to get back in time for Wembley if it is humanly possible."

Success certainly has not spoilt Coventry it seems. They have turned down an £18,000 offer to switch from their usual coach company for the trip to Wembley on Cup Final day, and have also decided not to allow the television cameras on to their coach for the trip nor to have a new Wembley strip. "We owe that to all the parents who have spent their hard earned money on buying our normal strip for their youngsters," Sillett, said.

● Birmingham City are currently searching for a commercial sponsor to strengthen their chances of tempting Trevor Francis to return to the club who, eight years ago, made him British football's first £1 million player. The former England striker is looking for terms of £2,000 per match, and though Ken Wheldon, Birmingham chairman, believes that the player's return from Italy would attract extra season ticket sales and increased attendances he is hoping to secure a business back-up to tip the scales.

Birmingham see a Francis return in the same light as when Kevin Keegan led Newcastle from division two financed largely by a north eastern brewery.

Mr Wheldon's name has been connected with the annual balance sheet of Walsall FC, whom he left to take over at St Andrew's less than 18 months ago. The report shows that Walsall made a loss of £203,267 in the year leading up to the £400,000 takeover by Terry Ramsden, the racehorse owner. It also reveals that in Mr Wheldon's final two years as chairman his firm, Walsall Metal Company, received a compensation figure of £35,000 for his services.

RUGBY UNION

Selection problems for Ulster

By George Ace

Ulster's selectors meet tonight to choose their squad for the five match 18-day tour of Zimbabwe in August. However, none of their World Cup players are free for selection.

Philip Rainey, their first choice, and his understudy, Colin Wilkinson, of Malone, are both unavailable. This poses a problem for the selectors when they meet under the chairmanship of Jim Stevenson, who will be assistant manager on the tour, to next season's Ulster branch president, Willoughby Wilson.

Stevenson and some of his fellow selectors, however, could not have failed to be impressed by the performance of Garth Calow, for Cup winners Ards last Saturday.

Another aspect of the selection which will evoke considerable controversy is that of captain. David Irwin and Willie Anderson have shared that responsibility for the past four seasons but both are in Ireland's World Cup squad and therefore not available.

David Morrow, the Bangor No 8, who won three caps last season, captained the Ulster B XV in that frolic in the snow at Ravenhill against the French universities a few weeks ago.

Morrow will have a strong lobby for his appointment as tour captain but Brian McCall, the experienced London Irish international lock, possesses many qualities that suggest it will be a close run thing between him and Morrow.

The selectors will otherwise have a fairly straightforward task in naming a 24-man squad.

HOCKEY

West Germans quick to make their mark

From Sydney Friskin, Ipoh

West Germany made the kind of start expected in the Sultan Aslan Shah tournament here yesterday. They defeated South Korea, the Asian Games champions, 3-1 in Group B and there was never any doubt that they would win.

Despite the humidity the Germans put together a show of speed, enterprise and skill that had the Koreans in retreat. Within 14 minutes they had taken a three-goal lead, through Hurter. Brandenstein, believed to be the best of their newcomers, and Volker Knapp.

Six minutes before the interval, Kim Man-Hoe snatched a well-taken goal for the Koreans but the Germans coasted through the second-half to a comfortable victory.

After an uncertain start, Malaysia, the host nation, took control against Japan to win 3-1 in Group A. Goals by Jagit Singh, from a 13th-minute penalty stroke, and Koor Saiful, eight minutes later, put Malaysia in a comfortable position by half time but Japan, whose approach in the first half had been purely defensive, suddenly hit back with a fine goal by Nakajima in the 46th minute. A short corner converted soon after by Embaraj made the game safe for Malaysia. England, who play Japan today, seem not to have too difficult a task.

This tournament is being played in pleasant surroundings on a newly-laid artificial turf pitch, which has cost about 1.5m ringgit (£370,000). The funds were raised from sponsorship and other enterprises by Sultan Aslan Shah, the ruler of the State of Perak, and the next in line to the throne of Malaysia.

RESULTS: Group A: Malaysia 3, Japan 1. Group B: West Germany 3, South Korea 1.

Cyclist dies

Poitiers (AFP) – The former French cycling champion, Jean-Louis Vervaille, died in hospital here at the age of 62 after being injured in a road accident.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
St Anton	35	390	good	varied	fair	fine	2
Powder on north facing slopes							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	160	320	good	varied	good	fine	9
Recent snow on good base							
ITALY							
Sauze d'Oulx	5	90	good	varied	closed	fine	5
Very good skiing; no queues							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, spring snow; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, spring snow; lower slopes, runs almost complete, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, spring snow; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, spring snow; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, spring snow; vertical runs, 1,500ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,100ft. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,400ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,300ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Forecast for today: sunny periods; isolated showers, falling as snow above 2500ft, most frequent over Glencoe; mild; freezing level, 3,000ft; fresh or strong westerly wind. Outlook for tomorrow: all areas mild with fresh westerly wind. Glencoe: mostly cloudy; hill fog and some drizzle patches. Cairngorm, Lecht and Glenshee: dry, sunny intervals.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

OLYMPIC GAMES

South Korea dismiss boycott threat

Seoul (AP) – South Korean authorities said yesterday they were confident the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games would be carried out successfully despite North Korea's threat to lead an Eastern-bloc boycott.

Shin Doo-Byong, director-general of the Foreign Ministry's Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau, said that "from formal and informal contacts with sports authorities from the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary and other Communist nations, we received strong indications that they mean to participate in the Seoul Games".

In a dispatch from Pyongyang, Japan's Kyodo News Service quoted Chang Ung, chief secretary of the North Korean Olympic Committee, as saying North Korea would not insist on holding either the opening or closing ceremonies

MOTOR SPORT

Police order Piquet to be detained

Brasilia (Reuter) – Police yesterday ordered the detention of Nelson Piquet, the Brazilian racing driver, for allegedly assaulting a television cameraman earlier in the day.

A Brasilia police spokesman said the cameraman, Fernando Mendes de Sousa, of the Globo television network in Brasilia, had accused Piquet of assaulting him outside a courthouse.

Piquet was at the court to sign papers in connection with his divorce from his wife, Maria Clara; the spokesman said. The driver was accused of pushing de Sousa down and punching him

Piquet, who finished second in Sunday's Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix in Rio de Janeiro, lives in Monte Carlo. He is barred from leaving the country until he reports to the police.

GOLF

Borgnis in a winning mood that belies age

By John Hennessy

Peter Hammond-Chambers-Borgnis – mercifully known these days as simply Borgnis – reached the fourth round of the Father and Son Golf Tournament at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday, at the age of 77. Accompanied by Michael, his son, who is a mere lad of 47, he beat John and Michael Uzielli by two and one.

The Uziellis had much – perhaps too much – to live up to. Angela, John's wife, and her mother, Peggy Carrick, have dominated the distaff equivalent of this tournament for 20 years or more, winning the Mother and Daughter event 17 times.

John Uzielli, however, could not find the form to justify his five handicap, and the often-brilliant play of his 12-handicap of Michael, his 17-year-old son, went unsupported.

Peter Borgnis, remarkably, can still play off seven, to compensate for a son who has little time for the game, and has a handicap of 20. He is some character, wearing his years lightly, and indeed his clubs – just nine of them – in a drainpipe bag slung ski-fashion across his shoulder.

He has to nurse a troublesome back, caused not by the game to which he has brought so much character and distinction, but by a "list to starboard," subconsciously developed long ago to protect a defective lung. He was invalided out of the Royal Navy before the war and, bringing his fascinating story up to date, he retired as a schoolmaster at Ludgrove School three years ago.

Wayward tee shots at two short holes, the 13th and 15th, put the Borgnis pair, who are decended from an Italian Huguenot who emigrated three-and-a-half centuries ago, three up.

SECOND ROUND: E D and D C Bond (Wentworth, 15) bt A J and P R Pentecost (Notts, 22), 1 hole; B E and D B Francis (West Hill, 23) bt W T and S R Warren (Penner Hill, 23), 4 and 3; J D and P Nash (Betchworth Park, 15) bt A H and D A Browne (West Sussex, 19), 3 and 2; Dr J N T and A J Hutton (Croham Hurst and Wylie Green, 16) bt D and K Barbazette (Kingswood, 22), at 20th; R P and M H-C-Borgnis (Berkshire and Ashridge, 27) bt Dr J S and W F S Taylor (West Hill, 27), at 19th; W J and M R Uzielli (Berkshire and Harewood, 17) bt T S and M B Evans (Camberley Heath, 18), 5 and 4; D I and D J Stark (North Devon and Saunton, 9) bt E J and M I Penner (Royal Eastbourne and North Hants, 19), 2 and 1.

H A and M G A Kershaw (Bolton and West Hill, 14) bt A C and J A Stapleton (Gerrards Cross, 15), 1 hole; I N and A J MacLaren (Knoll Park, 18) bt W E and K S Gallon (Farnham and Sunningdale, 17), 1 hole; R A and D A Wood (Widerhesse and Nemth, 11) bt D and A Knill-Jones (Banstead Downs, 23), 4 and 3; T W G and R Betts (Mannings Heath, 9) bt J K and J K Jnr Tulks (Sunningdale, 17), 6 and 5; J A and R Piggott (West Middlesex, 15) bt R C W and N K P Stokes (Hayling Island, 13), 8 and 5.

F R and J M R Lockhart (Thorpe Hall and Sunningdale Park, 13) bt R D and D T Marr (West Hill and Woodbridge, 29), 3 and 2; E and C Coker (Normanis and Hunstanton, 19) bt D P and J Choyce (Rochford Hundred, 26), 4 and 3; P A and S J Tedrake (Worplesdon, 18) bt S D and C C Bowyer (Moor Town, 16), 4 and 2; D P A and J A Cox (Sunningdale, 21) bt P and N Cox (Wilton Heath, 24), at 19th; R J and J K Rutherford (Northumberland and Oswestry, 12) bt M M and P M Lawson (Stonehaim and Hockley, 17), at 19th; G and J Fletcher (Royal St Georges, 22) bt M S and R L Reece (Bristol and Clifton, 16), 1 hole.

G R and T G Clark (Burhill, 13) bt I F M and J P Hine (Budock Vean and Bristol, 21), 4 and 2; S M and P R James (John O'Gaunt, 13) bt P J R and A W Bathurst (Hamkley Common, 12), 2 and 1; R F M and F G A Hope (Spain and The Bahama, 14) bt B G and M G Sharp (Bramley, 19), 2 holes; E G and R J G Hurst (High Post and Sunningdale, 13) bt W F and A D Tilman (Addington and Widermesse, 12), 3 and 2; G A and T M Proffitt (Bolton and Frilford Heath, 11) bt P F B and M F R Cooper (Huntscombe, 21), 1 hole; C and B White (Guildford and West Hill, 14) bt I H F and G A Findlay (Addington and Royal Blackheath, 24) 6 and 5.

P J and J W S Rumble (Moor Park, 14) bt D W and D Pryor (Woking, 23) 2 and 1; G P S and A P S Brewer (Denham, 16) bt J S and A S Gilbert (Burhill, 9), 4 and 3; D E and P D Anderson (Reighill and Beichworth Park, 18) bt D C and J D Dixon (Nevelle and Royal St Georges, 16) 1 hole; C H and D R Beamish (Woodhall Spa, 22) bt R C and S C Sidwold (West Surrey, 16), 1 hole.

D P and J B Home (Edgbaston and Bearsaw, 19) bt Dr C and D Clark (Fmeon-on-Sea and Royal Blackheath, 23), 5 and 5; C and A S Taylor (Lullenham Heath and Burghley Park, 12) bt H W and A W Batey (Seaford and West Byfleet, 19), 1 hole; J and A J Baldwin (Tandridge and Mannings Heath, 15) bt J N and C F Gems (Maidon, 22), 2 holes; J B C and W B Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford, 20) bt W A K and N Tat (North Wilts, 10) 5 and 4.

THIRD ROUND: Princes bt Bonds, 4 and 2; Hutions bt Nashes, at 20th; Borgnis bt Uzielks, 2 and 1; Karshaws bt Starks, 2 and 1; Woods bt MacLarens, 6 and 5; Lockharts bt Colers, at 19th; Tedrakes bt Bertises, 3 and 2; D P A and J A Cox bt Piggotts, 3 and 2; Rutherfords bt Fletchers, 3 and

TENNIS: MUCH MORE CASH FOR PLAYERS BUT SPECTATORS' COMFORT WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO PROFIT

Wimbledon pays first round losers twice as much as Billy Jean

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Players beaten in the first round of the women's singles at Wimbledon's twentieth open championships (this year's) will be paid more than twice as much as the first Wimbledon open champion, Billie Jean King, back in 1968. In the men's singles the disparity will be less striking because first round losers will receive only £80 more than Rod Laver did for winning the 1968 championship.

All this and more emerged from a press conference held at the All England Club yesterday while Prudential's British junior shale-court championships were in progress outside. Prudential, incidentally, have some cause to feel aggrieved. Most tennis writers were otherwise engaged in the Lawn Tennis Association's "golf day" at Kingswood on Monday and in Wimbledon's money-talk yesterday. These days there is so much to do that one has little time to spare for what is happening on court.

Other than the fact that we were assaulted by a mass of confusing and mostly unintelligible figures, the interesting feature of the press conference was that people queueing for admittance to the forthcoming Wimbledon championships will be asked a lot of questions about who they are, why and how often they attend, and what they think about the facilities.

It has been estimated that about 40 per cent of the people who go to Wimbledon do so on a daily basis, as distinct from those who have been able to reserve tickets in advance. The results of the public survey could offer the prospect of an all-ticket Wimbledon and, consequently, the widespread installation of numbered seating. At present there are 18 courts and seats can be reserved only on the centre court, court one and (on the day) court two.

Life was easier for the management committee in the days when the accommodation usually exceeded the demand for it. That no longer happens. Today's problem, in the words of the chief executive, Christopher Gorringe, is to ensure that the public "enjoy their day at Wimbledon". To that end, two initiatives have been taken this year. One is the public survey. The other is the imposition of an experimental crowd limit of 28,000, as opposed to the familiar limit of 31,000.

How refreshing it was to hear Gorringe telling us: "We are not very proud of breaking attendance records. We want to make sure that people enjoy themselves when they come here." At the risk of being unfair (cultures differ in their attitudes over money) Gorringe's comment contrasted admirably with indications that the organisers of the United States championships seem to be governed by the profit motive.

Two other notable features of yesterday's conference were the prize money figures and the fact that Humphrey Truman, the senior member of the management committee, was standing in for the chairman, "Buzzer" Hadingham, a cosmopolitan chap who recently acquired a Swiss hip (from the spare parts department) in addition to his longer association with a Canadian wife.

All that matters about the prize money is that this has been increased, partly because non-residents of the United Kingdom (for tax purposes, that is) will be taxed at 27 per cent — "at source", as the jargon goes — for the first time. This year, the men's champion will receive £155,000, compared with £140,000 in 1986, and the women's champion will collect a pre-tax cheque of £139,500, compared with last year's £126,000. This year, too, competitors will be given £50 a day towards travelling and accommodation expenses.

The prize money seems to be an awful lot, even pre-tax, for demonstrating that one plays better grass-court tennis than anyone else in the world. But Wimbledon is unique, more so than ever. Thirteen years ago, three of the four grand slam championships were played on grass. The French was, and still is, played on shale. But the United States and Australian championships have switched to hard courts. Wimbledon was always special. Now it is very special.

Finally, one should note that after almost three years of negotiation, the All England Club have received pro-visional planning consent to build three more indoor courts (they already have two). The new courts will have international, national, and neighbourhood advantages — covering the gamut from Wimbledon practice to use by local schools.

To sum it all up, Wimbledon, which is all our yesterdays, is making a boldly imaginative attempt to be all our tomorrows.



Feeling good: Lendl on his way to victory over Matuszewski

Fit again Lendl survives first test

From Richard Evans
Tokyo

After five weeks of intensive rehabilitation after knee surgery, Ivan Lendl tested his match-play fitness here in the Suntory Japan Open yesterday and came through the ordeal looking as strong as ever. On a fast cement court in a brand new stadium, Lendl defeated the promising young American, Richard Matuszewski, 6-4, 6-4.

"No matter how hard you train, playing a match is always the real test," Lendl said afterwards. "But it was okay. I felt good."

Todd Snyder, the ATP trainer who had been urging Lendl to have the torn cartilage tissue dealt with before the heavy summer season began, is satisfied that the world's number one has made a complete recovery.

Lendl's form, quite apart from his fitness, will undergo a severe examination here in the next few days for David Pate is his next opponent and Kevin Curren and Johan Kriek are both in his quarter.

If he survives against serve and volley experts of that calibre, which is far from certain, Lendl will then meet either Jimmy Connors or the man of the moment, Miloslav Mecir, in the semi-final.

The defending champion, Ramesh Krishnan, is also in that powerful quarter of the draw. Last year, however, this was a lower category tournament on the Nabisco Grand Prix tour and the elevation to super-series status, coupled with the switch to a much faster surface, seems to have ruined Krishnan's hopes of retaining his title. The skilful Indian did, nevertheless, win his opening round against Britain's Andrew Castle in some style 6-3, 6-1.

The overall strength of the entry has lessened the effect of John McEnroe's late withdrawal. Stefan Edberg, Andres Gomez, Pat Cash and Anders Jarryd are all progressing through the half of the draw McEnroe would have occupied although Cash was made to struggle by Bournemouth's tennis league star, Andy Kohlberg,

RUGBY UNION

Iberian trip gives England chance to examine future

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

A lot of water, some of it muddy, has flowed under England's bridge since last November, when a 35-strong squad returned from training camp in Portugal. Tomorrow the 26 players who make up the World Cup squad return to Acotéias for five days, intent only on the specifics of the task in Australasia which begins, for them, on May 12.

Their Iberian visits have not met with universal approval but the first, as part of the general conditioning programme, helped produce a higher level of fitness in internationals this season, notably those against France and Scotland. This Easter visit has a slightly different purpose, even though it concludes in similar manner with a practice match against a Portuguese XV.

"The whole programme has been a long-term one," Martin Green, England's coach, said yesterday. "It's geared towards altering attitudes to fitness and the rather cosy atmosphere of club rugby in England, which is not good enough for what is required in the international theatre. We said when we launched it that it would receive a tremendous amount of criticism but the players themselves — though obvously there remain a few sceptics — are generally pleased with the input that Tom McNab has provided.

"It's difficult to quantify what has been achieved so far because the people who will benefit in the end are those who will play in subsequent World Cups. One of the things that Tom has recognized is that the game is subject to so many influences which are only marginally in his control but he has helped provide a different environment, away from the usual squad sessions which players attend for club or division or internationals.

"This weekend, though, we will spend some time discussing a variety of topics. One will be an assessment from within about how the season has gone in terms of the work done and any changes appropriate for next season. Although there won't be the carrot of a world cup at the end of next season, there is still an England tour planned to Australia so we can learn from what has been done this season and put it into practice.

"We will also talk about what each player will be doing between now and leaving for Australia. Some of them have decided to stop playing anyway, particularly those with niggling injuries. But we did not feel it would be appropriate to ask the Bath/Wasps contingent to stop playing when they still have the cup final ahead of them. We have made a lot of demands on the clubs this season and, as the cup competition progressed, we cancelled a couple of squad sessions so that players whose clubs were beaten in the cup could spend time with their mates rather than dashing off to London.

"There are, in any case, some advantages in keeping playing. If you suddenly cut yourself off for six weeks, it's almost like starting again. And it would be very hard to ask players to miss a final to which they have already contributed so much."

While in Portugal, England may also work out various combinations of players, to discover who can adapt most readily to different playing demands: could Jon Webb, the Bristol full back, do service on a wing, for instance, or which of Dean Richards or David Egerton, the two No 8s, could turn out at lock in an emergency? That may be the main function of the practice game in the Loule Stadium on Monday afternoon.

The opposition will be of very variable quality because the full Portuguese side have been in Zimbabwe over the past fortnight and are due to play Tunisia on Saturday. Portugal concluded their Zimbabwe tour with a 50-9 defeat in Harare last weekend. Zimbabwe's final game before their departure for the World Cup in which they compete in Scotland's group.

CRICKET: COUNTY TEAMS WEIGH UP THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP CHANCES AS THE START OF THE 1987 SEASON DAWNS

Tests are ensured into the 1990s

By Alan Lee

Ten years ago, English Test cricket emerged from the siege of a private promoter with its own major sponsor. Yesterday, the happy and mutually productive liaison with Cornhill Insurance was extended into the 1990s.

Cornhill, whose involvement in cricket arose almost coincidentally when they heard that David Evans, their City neighbour, was trying to buy prominent players back from Kerry Packer's World Series group, have committed themselves to a further three years of sponsorship, with an option on an additional two.

If this option is taken up, Cornhill's total financial output to cricket will grow to around £9 million.

Cecil Burrows, Cornhill's general manager, announced the new deal at the Oval yesterday and explained: "Our agreement means that we will put up around £2.5 million over the next three years, with the possibility of £2 million more in 1991 and 1992. It is an exceptionally successful partnership and we felt we couldn't fail to continue it."

Test cricket is now such a high-profile entertainment that companies would probably be queuing to negotiate terms if Cornhill had decided that one decade was sufficient.

For this summer's five Test-series against Pakistan, the match fees of England's players will be increased by £50 a man to £1,550 per game although each player will receive an additional £50 for every 10 previous Tests he has played.

Cornhill's three tour awards, each worth £500, were also announced yesterday. The jury of Peter Lush, the England manager of the Australian tour, and Mickey Stewart, the cricket manager, chose Chris Broad, for batting, Graham Dilley for bowling and Mike Gatting for leadership.

Lush said of his captain, Gatting: "He led by example on the field but he also did a lot behind the scenes. A tour of four and a half months is a long time to keep spirits high."

Gloucestershire bank on pace

By Richard Streeton

Gloucestershire's ambition to win their first county championship could be nearer to fulfillment this summer now that Kevin Curran's shoulder has mended and he is fit to bowl again. Walsh, Lawrence and Curran form a potent pace bowling trio, which could tilt the scales decisively in the West Country team's favour.

Among neighbouring rivals, the omens for 1987 point a different way. Somerset and Glamorgan filled the bottom two places last year and Somerset's other problems hardly need reiterating. Both have signed distinguished newcomers: Martin Crowe, the New Zealander, is at Taunton; Ravi Shastri, of India, has joined the Welsh.

It is bound to be a period of rebuilding for both teams while Hampshire's prospects would clearly have been better if they had been able to secure Dilley to support Marshall. Gloucestershire, however, remembering the adage that bowlers win matches, have every reason to be buoyant.

Few would begrudge Gloucestershire the championship. A friendly, popular side, they finished third in 1985 and second last year for the fourth time since the war. Modern historians discount the four titles W G Grace brought the county in the 1870s. Since the championship was officially constituted in 1890, Gloucestershire have never won it.

Curran confirmed his return to fitness this winter in Zimbabwe. Walsh has had a hard time touring with the West Indies and, as insurance, Victor Greene, the Barbados paceman, has been signed. Greene was the man who broke Gatting's thumb on England's tour last year. Lawrence has recovered from a winter back injury and Bainbridge will be there as a fourth seamer.

Graveney, the captain and left-arm spinner whose back problems are happily cured and Lloyds, the off-spin bowler, will make up a formidable combination.

Athey's success in Australia has helped him overcome his dislike of opening and he and Tomlins will probably start the season as the first wicket pair. Wright, Stovold and Romaines had mixed success in the role last year and prefer to bat further down the list.

Gloucestershire, who have been preparing on tour in Sri Lanka, are hoping that Alleyne will continue to make progress and that both all-rounders, Lloyds and Curran, will again pass 1,000 runs. With Russell to keep wicket, the team look well equipped in every area.

Somerset expect Crowe's first appearance for them after New Zealand's tour of Sri Lanka to be against Middlesex at Lord's on Sunday, May 17. Until then, Waugh, the Australian all-rounder, will be their overseas player. Adrian Jones from Sussex and Neil Mallender (Northamptonshire) are the other significant newcomers as Somerset start writing a new chapter in their history without Botham, Richards and Garner.

Nobody would claim that Jones and Mallender were world beaters as a new ball attack but both are determined triers whose known abilities could flourish from a change of environment.

Dredge, who has a benefit, Crowe and Marks will be the other main contributors to an attack, which has been strengthened in depth, compared with last year, even if Garner, of course, was irreplaceable.

It would be foolish to deny that Somerset have lost crowd-pleasing glamour by the departure of their three international stars but wholehearted endeavour from a side with something to prove should not be under-estimated. Somerset have several young players of great potential in their lower sides. Under Roebuck's thoughtful captaincy and with Brian Rose as newly appointed cricket development officer, there is no cause for their supporters to feel that Somerset's future is entirely bleak.

Hampshire's fortunes will depend largely on Greenidge and Marshall. These two topped the national averages in 1986 but nearly everyone else in the Hampshire side failed to find their proper form regularly. As a result the team slipped to sixth place after being runners-up the year before and the Sunday League title brought only partial compensation.

An unchanged playing staff places a heavy burden on Andrew, Connor and Tremlett. At least two of these must increase their wicket-taking rate if Marshall is to have the help he needs. Marshall, incidentally, has a benefit this summer.

Andrew's fine physique and the fact that he is only 21, gives him the most scope for improvement. Maru, the left-arm spinner, should revel in the chance to bowl on wet pitches and Cowley's off-spin completes a balanced attack.

At its best the Hampshire batting can provide more entertainment than that of any other county. Terry and Robin Smith have been scoring heavily in Perth grade cricket during the winter; Chris Smith has his eye set on a 2,000-run aggregate; and Nicholas has been working hard to regain his touch, which deserted him last season.

Following a disastrous time in every competition, Glamorgan undoubtedly look a stronger side this year. Shastri and the other newcomers include the representative South African fast bowler Corrie van Zyl, Butcher, the Surrey batsman, and Metson, the Middlesex wicket keeper.

With Greg Thomas determined to recapture the selectors' eye and Barwick in support, Glamorgan will not lack firepower while Ontong's continued progress as an off-spinner will be monitored closely by those who see him second only to Emburey in the English game.

A L Jones's shoulder problem has persuaded him to retire but the arrival of Butcher compensates for this and Hugh Morris has emerged as a class player. Morris as he starts his first, full season as captain will be looking for more consistency from some of his batsmen. A good run in a one-day event would help restore Glamorgan's confidence and it might not be completely out of the question for their re-structured side.

PLAYER CHANGES: Glamorgan: Newcomers, R J Shastri (Bombay); C J P G van Zyl (Orange Free State), A R Butcher (Surrey), C P Metson (Middlesex), S Monkhouse (Warwickshire). Retired: A L Jones, T Davies. Not Re-engaged: E A Moseley. Gloucestershire: Newcomer: V S Greene (Barbados). Retired: R G P Ellis. Hampshire: Retired: C F E Goldie. Somerset: Newcomers: M D Crowe (Central Districts), S R Waugh (New South Wales), A N Jones (Sussex), N A Mallender (Northamptonshire), N D Burns (Essex), G D Rose (Middlesex). Not Re-engaged: I T Botham (to Worcestershire), I V A Richards, J Garner, R J Bliss, R V J Coombs.



Curran: regained fitness



Crowe: adding depth

Gatting seeks results

By Andrew Longmore

Middlesex will be looking to improve dramatically on their poor performance in the county championship last season. Mike Gatting, the captain, said yesterday as the players continued their much interrupted preseason training.

The county were in bottom position for several weeks last year, and though they recovered to be 12th in the end, such lowly positions are not what the supporters have come to expect, despite the sweetener of victory in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

"We struggled in the championship last year after a bad start when our first four games were all but washed out," Gatting said. "But we've won a trophy in each of the last four years and hope to continue that run." In particular, Gatting wants to see signs of improvement from the younger players.

The club will be without Norman Cowans, who is recovering from a hernia operation, and Neil Williams, who has a back injury, for the start of the season. Cowans could be out for a month, but England opener Wilf Slack, who had to be taken to hospital in Tasmania after passing out on England's tour of Australia last winter, is fit to play.

Hall leads Welsh in final warm-up

By David Hands

Wales bring their new under-21 national side to Aldershot today for their final warm-up game before meeting Scotland at Wrexham on April 25, the first international game between the two countries at that level.

They will be captained by Mike Hall, the Maesteg and Cardiff University centre who has already led the Welsh Universities to victories against the other home countries. The bulk of his team already have first-class club experience, among them Richard Webster who has achieved such prominence in his first senior season as a flanker with Swansea.

The Welsh team will play Combined Services under-21s at the Military Stadium, the first leg of a double-header since the Combined Services meet the British Police in the evening for the Securicor Trophy. The two teams will join forces next year for a Combined Services tour to New Zealand.

Scotland have already chosen their under-21 XV for Wrexham. They drew 17-17 with Italy under-21 at the weekend and have made six changes, several of them positional and including the replacement of Carson Russell (Wasps) at stand-off half by Cameron Glasgow, son of the former Scotland flanker, Ron.

For the past 85 years Penarth have celebrated Good Friday by playing the Barbarians. Last year, however, was the final fixture in the series and Penarth, after considering various possibilities against other invitation clubs, will play against an International XV raised by Allan Martin, the former Wales and British Lions lock who has turned out for Penarth frequently this season.

The match is in aid of the John Bevan Leukaemia Fund — inaugurated after the death last year at the age of 38 of the former Wales coach — and it will mark the end of a lengthy career for Bob MacPherson, the Penarth captain and back-row forward.

SCOTLAND UNDER-21 (v Wales under-21): R Kemp (Kilmarnock); D Stark (Kilmarnock), G McKechnie (Jed-Forest), A Gow (Glasgow Academicals), K Dunkley (Kelso); C Glasgow (Edinburgh Wanderers), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); G Graham (London Scottish), M Scott (Dunfermline), G Wilson (Boroughmuir), A Redpath (Melrose), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), E Simpson (Stewart's Melville FP), J Busby (Hillhead, captain), R Renwick (Hawick).

PENARTH PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL XV (v Penarth, Friday): R Blyth; E Rees, D Richards, D Butcher, A Donovan; G Davies, C Shell; A Faulkner, R Windsor, G Price, J P R Williams, J Perkins, A Martin, C Burgess, J Squire.

Morale-boosting win

From Chris Than, Constanta, Romania

Romania and Italy's game in the FIRA championships in the Black Sea town of Constanta on Sunday, won 9-3 by Romania, was more significant for the fast-approaching World Cup than the FIRA competition.

Undoubtedly Romania's rebuilding process must interest their World Cup opponents Scotland, France and Zimbabwe while Italy's progress concerns their pool three partners New Zealand, Argentina and Fiji.

However, scrappy as it was, the win was significant for Romania in their attempt to regain international credibility.

But the game failed to provide the Romanian selectors with the clear cut answer they have been searching for in the aftermath of the 60-0 humiliation in Dublin. A decision has been postponed until after their game against the Soviet Union in a fortnight's time.

With their forward platform strengthened by the inclusion of the Italo-South African tighthead Tito Lupini, the Italians performed beyond all expectations but have still got some way to go before they can expect to beat Fiji and Argentina in the World Cup.

FOR THE RECORD

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GRAND PRIX: World rankings: **Men:** 1, D Hall (GB), 825pts; 2, Gunawan (China), 770; 3, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 685; 4, M Frost (Den), 680; 5, I Frederiksen (Den), 670; 6, Park Sung Soo (S Korea), 665; 7, J-P Nierhoff (Den), 630; 8, Zhao Jianhua (China), 550; 9, Sompol Kukasemkij (Thai) 535; 10, Misbun Sidek (Malay), 530

Women: 1, K Larsen (Den), 1,080; 2, Lu Lingwei (China), 990; 3, Qian Ping (China), 800; 4, Lee Young Suk (S Korea), 585; 5, C Hohmann (Den) 495; 6, Han Aiping (China) 490; 7, E Lamer (Indo) 475; 8, Chun Sung Suk (S Korea), 415; 9, Kim Yun Ja (S Korea), 405; 10, Sumiko Kitata (Japan), 400

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers 113, Washington Bullets 105; Atlanta Hawks 102, Indiana Pacers 107, Chicago Bulls 114, Milwaukee Bucks 107; Detroit Pistons 120, New York Knicks 100, Sacramento Warriors 123, San Antonio Spurs 118

GOLF

US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, C Pavin, $230,567 (about £200,000); 2, B Crenshaw $292,157; 3, L Wadkins $283,825; 4, P Stewart $260,601; 5, L Mize $257,625; 6, B Langer (WG) $255,083

British: 9, S Lyle £230,195

US LPGA: Leading moneywinners: (US unless stated)

1, B Nagy $162,432 (about £100,000); 2, J Geralds $131,080; 3, P Bradley $110,502; 4, C Johnson $83,346; 5, A Okamoto (Japan) $76,000; 6, P Sheehan $72,442; 7, C Gerring $67,964; 8, C Rarick $56,579; 9, N Postlewait $47,180; 10, J Lopez $49,834

EAST v WEST's (unspent assistant championship: 74, T Stirk (Bury St Edmunds) 71; M Litten (Worksop), J Sneesby (Harrogate), P Garland (Formby) 72; N Brown (Mid Yorkshire), P Green (Ilkley), J Sloan (Wrexham)

VOLLEYBALL

NEUCHATEL, Switzerland: Spring Cup: Switzerland bt French juniors 15-4, 15-6, 14-15, 15-7; West Germany bt England 15-0, 15-5, 15-7; Turkey bt Gibraltar 15-3, 15-3, 15-2; Greece bt Spain 15-13, 15-8, 13-15, 15-2

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: New York Yankees 11, Cleveland Indians 3, Milwaukee Brewers 6, Baltimore Orioles 3 (10 innings); California Angels 5, Seattle Mariners 3; Oakland Athletics 6, Minnesota Twins 3. **National League:** St Louis Cardinals 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Cincinnati Reds 7, Atlanta Braves 2; Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Houston Astros 2, San Francisco 13 San Diego Padres 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St Louis	4	2	.667	–
New York Mets	3	2	.600	0.5
Chicago Cubs	3	3	.500	1
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	2
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	3
Montreal	0	5	0	3.5
West Division				
Houston	6	1	.857	–
Cincinnati	5	1	.833	0.5
San Francisco	6	2	.750	0.5
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1.5
Los Angeles	3	5	.375	3.5
San Diego	1	6	.143	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
Milwaukee	7	0	1 0	–
Baltimore	5	2	.714	2
Detroit	4	2	.667	2.5
NY Yankees	4	3	.571	3
Toronto	3	3	.500	3.5
Boston	2	4	.333	4.5
Cleveland	1	6	.143	6
West Division				
California	5	2	.714	–
Minnesota	5	2	.714	–
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1.5
Chicago	2	4	.333	2.5
Oakland	2	5	.286	3
Seattle	2	5	.286	3
Texas	1	5	.167	3.5

Pct = percentage GB = Games behind

SKIING

AVIEMORE: Scottish junior championship: Junior 12: 1, E Carrick-Anderson, 64 points; 2, A Pharsai, 63.31; 3, G Fleming, 60.83

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Reading 34, Coventry 44; Wolverhampton 45, Ipswich 33
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Newcastle 35, Stoke 43

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan Open tournament: Men's singles: First round: (US unless stated) S Matsuoka (Japan) bt K Jones (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; K Krishnan (India) bt A Castle (GB), 6-3, 6-1; B Scanlon bt T Tsuchinashi (Japan), 6-3, 7-5; K Curren bt M Leach, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; G Michaelis (Can) bt P Annacone, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; B Testerman bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; B Willenborg bt J Bates, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt K Flach, 6-3, 6-3. **Second round:** I Lendl (Cz) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Connors bt B Pearce, 6-1, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Grabb, 7-5, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt A Ihonberg, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; S Davis bt T Hogstedt (Swe) 5-2 ret; A Agassi bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; A Gomez (Ecu) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-1, 7-5; D Pate bt J Levine, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3

Women: First round: M Gurney bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-4, 7-5; L Antonopoli bt A M Fernandez, 7-5, 6-1; A Kamuto (Japan) bt J Thompson (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; E Inoue (Japan) bt C Karlsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-0; K Jordan bt A Villagran (Arg), 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; C Joessanti (Switz) bt A Croft (GB), 6-4, 6-3; A Minter (Aus) bt C Porwik (WG), 7-6, 6-4; B Gerken bt P Hy (HK), 6-2, 6-2; K Okamoto (Japan) bt L Dragosits (Switz), 6-1, 6-3; P Paracini (Fr) bt S Collins, 7-5, 6-3; B Nagelsen bt E Okagawa (Japan), 6-0, 6-4; S Gomer (GB) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 6-0, 6-1; C MacGregor (Can) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-4, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt N Dias (Braz), 6-2, 6-2; S Walsh bt A Moros (GB), 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; B Herr bt G Sam, 6-1, 6-0

AMELIA ISLAND Florida WITA tournament: First round (US unless stated) — Women: (Can) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 7-5, 6-3; S Hermant bt E Reynolds (SA), 6-3, 6-1; T Hoogsteen bt D Spence, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; Men: (Aus) bt Abeer, 7-5, 6-4; M Tyler bt Sabir Wazir (Afg), 6-2, 6-3; V Newton-Dunbar bt S Stone, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; M Mecker (Ger) bt J Faure, 6-1, 7-5; A Hernandez (Fr) bt J Pugh, 6-1, 6-2; T Pimper (Austria) bt C Wood, 6-4, 6-2; S Bengston (Swe) bt G Evans, 6-4, 6-4; L Mayer (Mex) bt M Pond, 6-4, 6-4; S Youl bt T Mayotte (USA), 6-4, 6-4; Bruce (WG) bt S Stodt, 6-2, 6-3; M Hohauff, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; A Sanchez (Spa) bt T Vermaak (SA), 6-3, 6-3; R Marsiovova (Cz) bt J Novotna (Cz), 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; R Fairgrieve (SA) bt N-C Culling (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; C Fernandez bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-4, 6-4; B Fulco (Arg) bt C Reynolds, 6-2, 6-1; C Bassett (Can) bt C Benjamin, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1; M J Fernandez bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

WIMBLEDON: Prudential junior hard-court championships: Boys singles (18 and under): **First round:** S Comrin (Somerset) bt N Russell (Dorset), 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; P Gillespie (Shropsh) bt M Long (Essex), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; N Green (Yorks) bt G Cooper (Dorset), 7-6, 6-2; N Marstell (Middx) bt L Mangano (Herts), 6-2, 6-0; I Williamson (Norfolk) bt D Draper (Northants), 6-4, 6-4; J Routledge (Cambs) bt A Fisher (North Wales), 7-6, 6-4. **Second round:** C Beecher (Kent) bt D Bishop (Yorks), 6-3, 6-4; N Green (Yorks) bt A Jackson (Surrey), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; U Nganga (Norfolk) bt C Craig (Cheshire), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Routledge (Cambs) bt K Burt (Dorset), 6-3, 6-4; G Henderson (Yorks) bt A Reed (Durham and Cleveland), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Barron (Essex) bt I Williamson (Norfolk), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; N Peshley (Surrey) bt P Gillespie (Shropshire), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; N Mansell (Middx) bt J Marcer (Avon), 7-5, 5-7, 8-5

Girls' singles (18 and under): **First round:** N Livingstone (Warwicks) bt A Tate (Sussex), 6-4, 6-3; A Knight (Sussex) bt S Henk (Surrey), 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; L Jefferies (Avon) bt S Peach (Middx), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Bateman (Essex) bt V Heath (Staffs), 6-3, 6-1; A Nieper (Lancs) bt H Grace (Surrey), 6-2, 7-5; S Smith (Essex) bt N Entract (Dorset), 7-5, 7-6; G Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt A Smith (Staffs), 6-4, 6-0; N Bayin (Cambridgeshire) bt J Knight (Sussex), 7-5, 6-3; D Springan (Norfolk) bt L Eve (Berks), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; C See (Cambs) bt M Milford (Surrey), 7-6, 6-2. **Second round:** S Loosemore (S Wales) bt N Livingstone (Warwicks), 6-0, 6-0; R Stokes (Norfolk) bt A Knight (Sussex), 6-2, 7-6; A Gregory (Norfolk) bt C Tee (Surrey), 6-2, 6-3; A Simpson (Lancs) bt S Jenkins (Berks), 6-1, 6-1; A Nieper (Lancs) bt J Carey (Hereford and Worcs), 6-3, 6-1; S Smith (Essex) bt P Appleton (Wales), 6-3, 6-4; C See (Cambs) bt A Payne (N Wales), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; M Loughran (Yorks) bt N Hunt (Cheshire), 6-1, 6-2; S Bell (Lancs) bt L Jefferies (Avon), 6-0, 6-4; S Gregory (Norfolk) bt L Bateman (Essex), 6-3, 6-2; C Bateman (Essex) bt S Barry (Yorks), 7-5, 6-2; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-1, 6-4; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-3, 6-4; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-4, 6-3; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-3, 6-4; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-3, 6-4; [illegible] bt [illegible], 6-3, 6-4

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Gascoigne on Thames: The University Challenge quiz master presents the first edition of Victorian Values (ITV, 7.00pm)

Causing a Victorian stink

● The Victorian values stressed by Mrs Thatcher are hard work, thrift and getting on your bike. Granada's six-part series, **Victorian Values** (ITV, 7.00pm) suggests a different emphasis – that while apparently dedicated to a laissez-faire, survival-of-the-fittest society, our nineteenth century forefathers were also laying the foundations for the welfare state. Crisply presented by Bamber Gascoigne, the programmes are about Victorian social policy in such areas as education, health and law and order. He begins by showing how two appalling cholera epidemics led to the building of the sewerage system that we still use today. The message finally got through to the politicians when the stench from the Thames literally wafted into the Houses of Parliament and had Benjamin Disraeli holding a handkerchief to his nose.

● A masked psychopath is stalking the means streets of Glasgow and **Taggart** (ITV, 9.00pm) is back to nail him. This is one of the better cop series, sharply written (by Glenn Chandler), with nice characterisation and plots that are intricate without being incomprehensible. The Glasgow setting lends credibility (though would an intended rape victim really sell her story to the tabloid press?). Mark McManus plays the sullen Taggart and Sheila Grier is a dance teacher enjoying extra-marital diversion.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

● *Peter Davalle writes:* As well as being welcome for its high chuckle quotient, **A Lexicon of Laughter** (Radio 4, 12.27pm) will not be despised by Scrabblers. In what other comedy half-hour could we learn that qiviut is the underwool of the Arctic musk ox ? Having reached the letter q in his decidedly offbeat series, radio's most literate and alliterative disc-jockey Richard Anthony Baker finds his best comic inspiration in Noel Coward's *Louisa, the movie queen* and in the querulous Rowan Atkinson. One suspects, however, that it is the old-time music hall raconteur Gillie Potter (selected more for his Queen's English quirkiness than for his gifts as entertainer) who is the comedy performer closest to Richard Anthony Baker's heart.



Noel Coward in full flight: he is one of the entertainers to be heard in A Lexicon of Laughter (Radio 4, 12.27pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time . National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Watchdog. In the Hot Seat this week is the chairman of the Post Office, Sir Ron Dearing **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05** Dudley Do-Right. Cartoon. (r) **9.10** The Monkees. (r) **9.35** Why Don't You. . ?
10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Andy Crane. **10.30** The Gospel According to St Luke. Part three.
10.45 Zeebrugge Ferry Memorial Service from Canterbury Cathedral. Live coverage of the service which is conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev John Simpson, with the Archbishop of Canterbury *preaching the sermon. The* Queen is represented by The Duke of Edinburgh, with Princess Anne.
12.00 News and weather **12.02** Open Air. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Des tells his mother that Daphne is coming back **1.50** Pie in the Sky. (r) **2.05** The Clothes Show. Part one includes a preview of tonight's final of the Model Competition. (part two at 7.35)
2.35 Film: Queen of Hearts" (1936) starring Gracie Fields and John Loder. Musical comedy about a working girl who becomes infatuated with the male lead of London show. Directed by Monty Banks.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Nature series. **4.10** Ulysses 31. (r)
4.35 Take Two. Young viewers' comment on the subject of children's television.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround **5.05** The End of the World Man. The first of a three-part story about the fight to preserve a glen. **5.35** The Raccoons. Cartoon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. With Emma Ford, escorting a Golden Eagle; Angela Rippon; and the Gardeners' Question Time team. Plus, a song from Michael MacDonald.
7.35 The Clothes Show. Twenty hopefuls parade for the final of The Clothes Show model competition; and a video of the wedding of The Bride of the Year.
8.00 Dallas. Donna goes into labour at a political fund-raising event. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with *Julia Somerville and Andrew* Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Q.E.D: Alpha - How to Succeed Without Really Trying. Dr David Lewis, a psychologist, teaches you how to solve problems by relaxing. (Ceefax)
10.00 Sportsnight, part one. Football: highlights from one of tonight's matches; Speed Skiing: the World Championships from the French Alps; Cricket: an interview with Omar Henry, the first non-white to play cricket for the Springboks. (continues at 11.35)
10.45 Music from the Masses. Music from requiem masses.
11.20 The Gospel According to St Luke. (shown at 10.30am)
11.35 Sportsnight continues with highlights of the ABA semi-finals in Preston.
12.10 Weather.



Edward Petherbridge (Peter Wimsey) and Harriet Walter (Harriet Vane): Have his Carcase (BBC 2, 9.25pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: The Effective Manager - Meetings. Ends at **7.20**.
9.00 Ceefax.
10.30 Play School . (r) **10.50** Ceefax.
2.00 News and weather.
2.02 100 Great Sporting Moments. Cricket as played by the International Cavaliers before the arrival of the sponsored Sunday afternoon game. John Arlott is the commentator.
2.20 Racing From Ascot . The Royal Fern Novices 'Chase (2.35); the Bollinger Champagne Novices Handicap 'Chase (3.10); and the Trillium Handicap Hurdle (3.45). Includes News and weather at 3.00.
3.55 News, regional news, and weather.
4.05 The World of the 30s. After the Depression, a new menace looms on the European stage - Adolf Hitler.
4.30 Pamela Armstrong.
5.05 My Music. A lighthearted musical quiz set and presented by Steve Race. (r)
5.30 Cover to Cover presented by Nicholas Shakespeare. Critics, including Ludovic Kennedy, review the latest hardbacks and paperbacks, among them, Margaret Drabble's, The Radiant Way. Plus, an interview with Martha Gellhorn on the republication of her novel, Liana.
6.00 Film: The Scarlet Blade (1963) starring Lionel Jeffries, Oliver Reed, and June Thorburn. A swashbuckling adventureset at the time of the Civil War about a treacherous Ironside and his battles with the Royalist known only as the Scarlet Blade. Directed by John Gilling.
7.20 Zeebrugge Ferry Memorial Service. An edited version of the service shown this morning.
8.00 Ballerina. In the second of her four programmes on what makes a great ballerina, Natalia Makarova discusses the problems of forming successful partnerships.
9.00 M*A*S*H Radar's unique talent helps to save a friend. (r)
9.25 Have His Carcase. Episode one of a four part adaptation of the Dorothy L Sayers' mystery which begins when Harriet Vane, on holiday in the West Country, discovers a dead body. Starring Harriet Walter. (Ceefax)
10.15 An Evening With Pam Ayres. The second half of the entertainer's one-woman show recorded at the Wilde *Theatre, Bracknell.*
10.45 Newsnight **11.30** Weather.
11.35 Open University: Health and Disease: Dirty Old Twon? **12.00** International Marketing. Ends at **12.30**.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35**. At **8.45**, Wacaday.
9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Which Way? A Jobwatch Special. Advice for both young school-leavers and their parents at the cost of a local telephone call **10.20** About Britain. Tom Weir explores four villages on the north-east coast of Scotland.
10.50 Zeebrugge Ferry Disaster - A Memorial Service from Canterbury Cathedral. The service is conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev John Simpson, and the sermon is given by the Archbishop of *Canterbury. The Queen is* represented by The Duke of Edinburgh, with Princess Anne.
12.00 The Giddy Game Show. (r) **12.10** Allsorts.
12.30 In the Same Boat. Kay Avila talks to three people who, for one reason or another, have lost their homes because they could not keep up the mortgage repayments.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news **1.30** A Country Practice.
2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan prepares a variety of meals from one 4lb chicken **3.00** Take the High Road **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas tells the story of The Red Voice **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** Do It. Leisure activities. (Oracle) **4.35** How Dare You! Slapstick comedy series **4.45** Murphy's Mob. Serial about a football team and its young supporters. (r)
5.15 Pass the Buck. Quiz game for couples.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help! Advice on pre-exam stress; and how to organise and prepare for exams.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Victorian Values. Bamber Gascoigne with the first of a new series about the Victorian era. (Oracle) (see Choice)
7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre is interviewed on Radio Weatherfield. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Michael Barrymore with the first of a new series of the high-tech quiz game show.
8.30 Who's the Greatest? A new series in which celebrity fans show vintage clips of their heroes in action and call sporting witnesses to plead on their behalf. Tonight, *Dennis Waterman* champions the cause of Muhammad Ali; Eamonn Andrews backs Rocky Marciano. In the chair is Brian Moore. (Oracle)
9.00 Taggart. Episode one of a new three-part thriller staring Mark McManus as the tough Glaswegian detective. (Oracle) (see Choice)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnett and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines
10.30 Film: The Odessa File (1974) starring John Voight. A drama, based on the novel by Frederick Forsyth, about a freelance journalist who, while investigating the death of a former concentration camp inmate, stumbles across a sinister organization known as Odessa. Directed by Ronald Neame.
12.50 Night Thoughts.



Director-actor Francois Truffaut with Jean-Pierre Cargol in L'Enfant Sauvage (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket introduced by Brough Scott. The Wood Ditton Stakes (2.35); the Ladbroke European Free Handicap (3.05); the Audi Sport Trophy Handicap (3.40); and the Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes (4.10)
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Jez Gill from Llanelli. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster.
5.00 Chateauvallon. The French language, English subtitles, version of episode 12 of the drama serial about two rival families, and Florence becomes obssessed with the thought that Quentin was murdered.
6.00 Mother and Son. Australian comedy series about a divorced man who goes to live with his aged by fly mother. Starring Ruth Cracknell.
6.30 The Making of Britain. Part five of the series tracing the history of Britain examines *the Age of revolution, the* period from 1760 to 1870.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nick Owen and Fiona Armstrong includes a report on the role of Labour councils in London.
7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Peter Snape, Labour MP for West Bromwich East.
Weather.
8.00 Keating on Keating. In this interview which took place just before his death, Tom Keating talks about his life and work and the fakes that brought him to the dock at the Old Bailey. (r) (Oracle)
8.30 Diverse Reports: Opportunity Knocks. Dele Oniya reports on the positive action taken by some organizations to ensure that blacks and other normally excluded groups in society get a fair share of the nation's jobs.
9.00 The Media Show. Reports on the controversial film about the life of the playwright, Joe Orton; and on the chances of success of the new Sunday newspaper, News on Sunday.
10.00 Film: L'Enfant Sauvage" (1969) starring Francois Truffaut and Jean-Pierre Cargol. A drama, based on fact, about a young boy who is sent, in 1797, to the Institute for Deaf Mutes in Paris, and the doctor who takes him under his wing when the young man is in danger of becoming exhibited as a freak. Directed by Francois Truffaut.
11.35 Sing Out. Gospel music *from Ulster City Hall.*
12.0 Film: The Material Witness" (1965) A businessman is in danger of being usurped by his personal assistant. Directed by Geoffrey Nethercott. Ends at **12.30**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 1.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Don't Break Your Heart 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.30am-10.45 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.00-10.45 Sportscene 11.20-11.35 The Seven Last Words. NORTHERN IRELAND 6.35pm-6.50 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 The Video Picture Show 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.50am Little Gidding, Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 1.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.50am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Paper Dolls 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 News 12.50am Jobfinder 1.50 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Paul Coia Show 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Short Story 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 12.50am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 12.50am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Human Face of the Pacific 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Punky Brewster 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.50am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions! 6.00-6.35 News 12.50am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Whose Baby? 3.30-4.00 Dying Order 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 12.50am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.50am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Short Story 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.55am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:9.25am News 9.30 Show Express 10.00 Shakespeare Trilogy 10.30 Which Way? 11.30-12.00 About Britain 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.50am Amazing Grace, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Horses for Courses 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 History of Grand Prix 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Ask Anne 12.50am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.50am Meditations 1.00 Jobfinder 2.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts:12.10pm Film: Orchestra Wives" 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Racing 4.30 Ffalabalam 4.45 Cadwgan 5.00 Bildowcar 5.30 Hogan's Heroes" 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Plans for Free 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Caryl 8.05 Hel Straeon 8.45 Mae Hi'n Wyth Mr Borrow 9.25 Film: Borgia Stick 11.15 Diverse Reports 11.45 Closedown.

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Open Forum. Until **6.55**
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Concert: Bach (Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066: Vienna Concentus), Bruckner (Intermezzo and trio: Alberni String Quartet), Dohnanyi (Rhapsody in F sharp minor, Op 11 No 20), Dvorak (Slavonic Dances in B flat, Op 72 No 6; and in C, Op 72 No 7: SNO). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued): Satie (Veritables preludes flasques, pour un chien: Barbier, piano), Shchedrin (Merry ditties),Rossini (Introduction, theme, variations :Emma Johnson,clarinet and ECO), Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on Corelli theme)
9.00 World Service News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Mozart. Sonata in D, K448 (Levin and Bilson, fortepianos), March in D, K408 No 2, and Symphony No 35
10.05 Vaughan Williams and Elgar: Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on theme by Thomas Tallis: Sinfonia of London), Elgar (Sea Pictures: LSO,with Janet Baker)
10.50 Bartok and Beethoven: Ferenc Rados (piano). Bartok (Improvisations Op 20), Beethoven (Sonata in D major, Op 28
11.30 Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra (under Howarth),with John Leeming (cello) and Michael McGuffin (piano). Grieg (Incidental music, Peer Gynt), Ferguson arrangement of Four Irish folk tunes; Grainger's A Lincolnshire posy; Dvorak's Silent woods; Arnold's Four Scottish dances
12.30 Keith Jarrett: Ian Carr presents recordings including part of the *suite* Arbour Zena. **1.00** News
1.05 BBC Scottish SO (under Starek). Debussy (Printemps symphonic suite), Honegger (Incidental music: Phaedre), Stravinsky (Le chant du rossignol)
2.10 Cello recordings by Anthony Pini: Delius (Cello Sonata, with Parry, piano), Elgar (Cello Concerto: LPO under van Beinum)
2.50 Record Review: including David Murray's guide to recordings of the Four Ballades by Chopin (r)



Alfred Brendel: on Radio 3 at 7.30pm

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Winchester Cathedral.
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: Michael Haydn (Concerto in C for organ, viola, strings), Couperin (Troisieme lecon de tenebres), Pabst (Concert paraphrase on Tchaikowsky's Eugene Onegin: Cherkassky, piano), Dyson (Three Rhapsodies for string quartet: Divertiment). **6.55** News
7.00 Choral Voices: Exeter University Singers. Includes Howells's (One thing have I desired of the Lord).
7.30 BBC SO (under Dennis Russell Davies), with Brendel (piano). Part one. Reger (Variations and fugue on theme of J.A. Hiller)
8.10 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts.
8.30 Concert (contd): Schoenberg (Piano Concerto); Ravel (La valse)
9.20 After School: Sam Dastor reads the story by Eugene Dubnov.
9.30 Suites pour le clavessin: Robert Woolley plays Bach's Suite No 2 in C minor, BWV 813, and No 3 in B minor, BWV 814a
10.15 Book, Music, and Lyrics: songs from musicals.
11.00 First Night: Marilyn Butler's verdict on Hyde Park at the *Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon*
11.10 Violin and piano: Elizabeth Perry and Tony Hyman perform Arvo Part's Spiegel im Spiegel, and Prokofiev's Sonata in F minor
11.57 News. **12.00** Close

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News
6.30 Today, incl the launch of the Best of British Youth Awards **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News
8.43 Five William Stories (3). Martin Jarvis reads Richmal Crompton's The Outlaws and the Triplets.
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Anne Robinson (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question *Time from The Blewbury* Village Produce Association, Oxfordshire.
10.30 The Cross on Trial. John Harriot on the Cross as a *star to steer by.*
10.45 Enquire Within.
10.55 The Zeebrugge Ferry Memorial Service direct from Canterbury Cathedral. The Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne join the congregation.
12.00 News; Family – First to Last (new series). How parents and children stand in the eyes of the law. (1) Having children.
12.27 Lexicon of Laughter. Richard Anthony Baker goes through the alphabet. Includes the voices of Rowan Atkinson, Noel Coward and Gillie Potter. (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes an interview with David French, Director of the National Marriage Guidance Council. And John Samson reads part one of My Aunt Christina by J I M Stewart
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. One Last Final Fling by Marcia Kahan. With Robin Bailey and Fabia Drake heading the cast. (s)
3.47 Time for Verse. George MacBeth presents poems about animals. (5) Creatures of the Sea.
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. Cowboys without Rhinestones. Country and Western is changing.
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6.00 News. Financial report
6.30 Blandings. Summer Lightning by P G Wodehouse. With Ian Carmichael and Richard Vernon (5) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Legacy of Empire. How Britain and its culture have left their mark on former colonies. This week: Britain's relationship with *the Commonwealth .* Introduced by Nick Clarke
7.45 Rebels. (5) A portrait of A S Neill, who founded the progressive Summerhill School. Written and presented by Hugh Sykes who talks to former pupils *and teachers and members* of Neill's family to find out what made him rebel against the barbarity of formal education as he saw it, and reject his Scottish Calvinistic background.
8.15 Family – First to Last. John Howard is joined by experts to answer questions about being a parent. Lines open from **7.00**pm. 01-580 4411. This is the follow-up to this morning's Radio 4 feature called Family – First to Last, transmitted at 12.00 noon.
9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. The Proud Horse by Edgar Wallace, with Nick Brimble (as Educated Evans), Vernon Joyner and Orland Wells (r)
9.30 At Least It's Live. Performers who entertain in the pubs, on the streets or in halls. Introduced by Susan Marling
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Tonight's edition of the arts magazine includes comment on Putting on the Ritz at the Leicester Haymarket; the film Half Moon Street; and Lost Belongings, on ITV on Tuesday nights, with a repeat on Channel 4 on Saturdays.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. The War of the Worlds by H G Wells. The reader is Simon Ward. **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 The Rabbit Woman of Godalming. How true were the stories of monstrous and strange births in the eighteenth century? With Robert Lang as the Hon Samuel Molyneux and Jane Leonard as Mary Toft
12.00 News; Weather Shipping forecast
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00**am Weather; Travel **1.55-2.00**pm Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10**am Open University. **11.30** Modern Art: Munch **11.50** Rutherford and the Atom.

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Close is irked by cover rule

By Martin Searby

Brian Close, one of the leading figures in the move to have pitches uncovered, is unhappy at the compromise which will allow bowlers a dry run-up under new regulations which come into force this summer.

He is not alone, with several county captains expressing concern at the prospect of, for instance, Malcolm Marshall roaring in at full throttle to bowl on a pitch enlivened by rain. But it is not that scenario that upsets the former England, Yorkshire and Somerset captain as much as the way in which the original idea of a return to pre-1981 days was watered down.

"Several of us on the cricket committee of the Test and County Cricket Board were convinced that the game would benefit at a technical and competitive level if all but the used wicket ends and a four yard area around the crease was left uncovered," he said. "But we were told that the rest of the Board would never accept it so we ended up with this version.

"What bothers me is the argument used. County administrators were saying that uncovered pitches would bring two-day results and ruin their arrangements with sponsors. That, to me, is putting the cart before the horse.

"First class cricket at county level needs to be skilful and produce exciting finishes based on ability not daft declarations. Then the sponsors would come to us because we have a worthwhile product. At the moment it appears any sort of quality will do, however poor, as long as it lasts the full three days and that cannot be right for the game."

Pitches have been fully covered for the last five seasons but predictions that true, firm wickets would result have been wide of the mark with most of them heavily watered so that they have not dried out until the final day.

Ticket rush

Receipts for England's Texaco trophy one-day international against Pakistan at The Oval on May 21 have already topped £139,000 and fewer than 1,000 tickets, at £17 each, now remain for the all-ticket match.

Cowdrey ill

Chris Cowdrey, the Kent captain, is doubtful for the start of the pre-season friendly campaign after developing an abcess on his chest. Cowdrey is receiving treatment in hospital and still hopes to play in today's match against Surrey at The Oval.

Match off

Worcestershire's practice match with Gloucestershire at New Road tomorrow has been cancelled. The ground is improving rapidly after last week's flooding but has not improved sufficiently to allow preparation of a pitch.

Snooker officials refuse to name drug-test players

By John Goodbody and Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Snooker officials yesterday remained silent on the identity of the leading professional players who were registered positive in drug tests over the last 15 months.

As revealed in *The Times* yesterday, six tests have been positive. Five were for beta-blockers and the sixth was for a stimulant commonly used in an appetite depressant.

Of the five beta-blocker cases, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) said that four involved players who were taking the drug propranolol for medical reasons, and the fifth incident was being investigated.

Gordon Ingham, the chairman of the WPBSA drug control committee, insisted that all the players found positive had declared to officials they were taking beta-blockers, both before the season began and at the time of the testing.

"They all signed the form and none of them refused to give a sample at the 197 tests at six major tournaments. It would not be in their best interests to do so. Last season, 59 per cent of the total membership of the WPBSA of 128 were tested at least once," he said.

But with the world championships beginning in Sheffield on Saturday, the sport has been unsettled by the problem of whether players, who say they are taking beta-blockers for medical reasons, should be barred from competition because of the opportunities for misuse.

The WPBSA tests for drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and, since May 1985, these have included beta-blockers. The IOC was advised by its medical commission that there were several drugs which had the medical properties but not the performance-enhancing capacities of beta-blockers.

Last November, David Forster, a neuro-surgeon and the medical adviser to the WPBSA, wrote to the magazine *Snooker Scene* saying that most medical practitioners in Britain would not agree with this attitude.

But he added: "Drugs may be illegal, performance-enhancing or medically indicated and there may be some overlap between these categories."

Medical experts yesterday confirmed that taking certain types of beta-blocker could also be beneficial for sports which require exact precision.

"If you need hand-to-eye co-ordination and a very exact aim, such as shooting and archery or snooker, beta-blockers would be certainly helpful," said Professor Michael Lee, professor of clinicial pharmacology at the University of Edinburgh.

Propranolol was principally used to relieve angina, tremor and migraine. "The drug slows down the pulse rate, drops the blood pressure and causes slight sedation," said Professor Lee. "If the adrenalin level gets very high, such as during a major competition, you get tremors. The beta-blocker stops the adrenalin activating the tremor mechanism."

The IOC ban was brought in because of misuse in several sports.

However, because snooker does not require a high level of physical fitness and because players can continue playing at the highest level into middle age, some could suffer from heart disorders and may be prescribed propranalol by their doctors.

It is a dilemma that snooker must solve. At least £10,000 of Government money was used on testing in the sport last year, and the Sports Council will want to see that it is being wisely spent.



Off the ground: Geoff Parsons, the 6ft 8in British high jump record holder, clears Bryan Ellis, aged eight, at the launch of a schools fitness scheme yesterday (story, page 37)

How the hooligan is still winning

By Ian Ross

The stereotyped image of a football hooligan as a snarling skinhead sporting heavy-duty calf length boots is no longer applicable. The modern hooligan is smartly dressed, well organized, usually sober and intelligent enough to use the relative anonimity of a place amongst the game's more genuine followers as a platform from which to perpetrate acts of violence.

Earlier this week, Graham Kelly, the Football League secretary, told a conference in Preston that he felt the hooligan problem which has plagued the English game for the best part of 15 years was "almost under control." Eric Dunning, for one, would beg to differ.

Acknowledged the world over as one of the leading experts on sports violence, Dunning, senior lecturer at Leicester University's department of sociology, is at present expounding his theories at the first World Congress of Science and Football which is being held at Liverpool's Albert Dock.

While admitting that the perennial problem has shown some signs of abating in recent years he fears football's hierarchy could, unwillingly, be lured into a dangerous false sense of security.

"I can fully understand why Graham Kelly should want to say that the problem is almost under control," Dunning said. "I think football's administrators are in an unenviable position in many respects. Hooliganism remains a deep rooted social problem and one which is not in the field of their experience.

Signs of move in right direction

"There have been some signs of a move in the right direction recently but it is a continuing problem. Preston have nurtured a community feeling by laying an artificial pitch and encouraging differing groups to use their facilities.

"Luton Town have enjoyed localized success with their members-only policy but in essence that particular system is totally unworkable because it could never be implemented in somewhere like London where you have as many as a dozen teams."

Dunning dismisses the notion that the new generation of troublemaker is an instinctive animal who acts on the spur of the moment. "Some of these groups, the more notorious like the ICF (Inter City Firm) at West Ham and the Special Crew at Leeds, are highly organized," he said. "They plan their moves with almost military precision. They are casually dressed and capable of blending into the background.

"Many I have spoken to have told me that they do not drink before games because alcohol dulls the senses and that could lead to arrest. Why do they do it? Because they enjoy it. Sadly it could be as simple as that. It provides excitement and an adrenalin rush.

Fighting on behalf of communities

"The motivation is fundamentally similar to engaging in sport itself. Football, after all, is a form of battle. These people see themselves fighting not just for themselves but on behalf of their own communities; for their own clubs, counties and countries."

The myth that hooliganism is confined to our shores and remains "the English disease" is one that Dunning would like to explode. "It is not just an English phenomenon," he said. "It never has been. In the mid-Sixties English clubs threatened to withdraw from European competitions because of the behaviour of foreign supporters, particularly in Italy.

"In August last year when there was trouble on a cross-Channel ferry and when Manchester United fans were accused of causing problems in Amsterdam, Feyenoord supporters were involved in dreadful scenes at a game in Belgium on the very same day. That received very little coverage over here because our national media seem to be concerned only with our problems.

"I don't think it can be stamped out altogether but I do think it can be very significantly reduced. I would like to see the prestige of the players themselves used as a weapon against hooliganism. They should get involved, go to the schools and to the deprived areas where most of these people come from."

Irish jockey faces National inquiry

By Michael Seely

The Jockey Club have decided to take investigative action over the riding of the Irish jockey, Niall Madden, on Attitude Adjuster in the Grand National. No date has yet been fixed for the hearing.

To those watching the race on television it had appeared that Attitude Adjuster had swerved across Dark Ivy on the run to Becher's Brook, thereby contributing directly to the fatal fall of the heavily-backed second favourite at the dreaded drop fence.

It also looked as though Madden had punished Attitude Adjuster too severely on the run from the third last fence to the winning post.

Mouse Morris, Attitude Adjuster's trainer, yesterday reacted sharply to this news. "I am disappointed that the Jockey Club have decided to hold an inquiry now rather than on the day of the race. Nobody asked me how the horse was after the race and he couldn't have been better."

Demonstrating his loyalty to his jockey, the trainer continued: "Attitude Adjuster runs in the Irish National on Easter Monday and if Madden can't ride, the horse won't run."

Yesterday, Madden refused to comment but earlier he had said: "I am very upset that Dark Ivy was killed but it's unfair to blame me. The National is a rough-and-tumble race in which anything can happen and in which horses tend to change direction."

Madden has two previous convictions for excessive or improper use of the whip in England. He was cautioned during the 1980 National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham and at Doncaster in March 1983 was fined £25 for his punishment of Aughra Boura. If found guilty, the jockey now faces a fine of up to £3,500 for either offence or a period of suspension.

Although Dark Ivy's fall is considered to have been caused principally through interference, statistical evidence shows that Becher's Brook may be an unnecessarily hazardous fence and that alterations such as filling in the ditch may be needed.

In the past 20 years there have been 272 fallers in the Grand National – excluding horses which were brought down or unseated their riders – of which 68 (25 per cent) have occurred at Becher's.

Of the 10 horses killed during the same period, Becher's has claimed four victims.

Bates will appeal for funds

Ken Bates, the chairman of Chelsea, will appeal today to the first division club's supporters to contribute more than £15 million to help him purchase the site at the club's home, Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea are under pressure from Marler Estates, who own the ground, to buy it or move out before August 1989. Marler hope the site will be worth £40 million for redevelopment as flats, offices and shops.

Bates is believed to consider that Marler would accept £27 million, which he hopes to raise from the supporters' money, the selling of his stake, estimated at more than £8 million, in SB Properties (a company linked with Marler), and his own plans for the redevelopment of part of the site.

- **Neil Webb, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, could miss the rest of the season after the hamstring problem, which forced him twice to withdraw from England squads, flared up again in training.**
- **Chris Marustik, the Welsh international and Cardiff City player, has been forced to retire from football at the age of 25 because of a persistent ankle injury.**

British Open sponsors are angry over BBC ruling

By Colin McQuillan

Hi-Tec, the sponsors of the British Open squash rackets championship, and the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) fell into argument with BBC Television over advertising last night. It is now likely that Hi-Tec will withdraw their sponsorship from the tournament in thefuture.

Hi-Tec, an Essex-based sports shoe company, who have poured £300,000 into the British Open, want advertising space on the tins of the front walls. The BBC insist this covers the "master shot" and is subject to strict advertising rules.

For last night's finals, planned for broadcast next weekend, the Hi-Tec name has been masked out on the Wembley court and Mike Humphries, the company spokesman, said: "There was a : deep level of concern at the level of commercial television exposure and unless there is some change, the company will find it difficult to support the British Open in future.

The BBC claim their regulations were known last July and the matter now rests between the SRA and their sponsors.

What is clear is that the semi-finals achieved something special, through the rapidly ascending performances of Jansher Khan, the junior world champion and Rodney Martin, the British under 23 open champion, would reach such classic proportions.

Jansher beat Chris Dittmar, of Australia, 9-4, 4-9, 9-5, 4-9, 9-5 in 85 minutes to emulate Jahangir Khan by reaching the British open final aged 17. Suitably, the tall, but slightly built lad, from Peshewar in Pakistan, will now meet the world No. 1 who fought back from two games down and 4-6 against Martin, the Australian, aged 21, to win 7-9, 8-10, 9-6, 9-4, 9-0 in 103 minutes.

The women's semi-finals too were of combative quality. Lucy Soutter, of England, beat Liz Irving, of Australia, 9-1, 6-9, 9-1, 9-0 and Susan Devoy, the world champion from New Zealand pursuing her fourth success here, beat Martine Le Moignan, from Jersey, 10-8, 9-6, 9-2. But they paled beside the titanic struggles of the established men against the new generation.

Jansher has now beaten Gawain Briars, of England, Ross Norman, the New Zealand world champion and Dittmar, a former world No. 2, in what has become a familiar three phase pattern. He starts at blinding speed, eases a little, and then injects fresh pace in the closing stages. Martin's court coverage is similarly astounding and in the first three games of the semi-final against Jahangir conjured the most sustained flow of dead nick winners any of those present could recall. The same blazing attack took him within three points of a famous victory at 6-4 in the third.

RESULTS: Over 35s: Men: Q Zaman (Pak) bt H Jahan (Surrey), 10-8, 9-4, 7-9, 9-5.Women: A Cowie (Norfolk) bt B Diggens (Sussex), 9-9, 9-8, 9-5, 9-6. Veterans finals: Men: (over 45): Mohamad Yasin (Middlesex) bt K Hiscoe (Aust), 9-1, 8-10, 10-9, 9-6. Women: (over 40): B Dryhurst (Hereford and Worcs) bt J Carr (Warwickshire), 9-3, 9-5, 9-1. Vintage final: (over 50): Men: H O'Connor (Zambia) bt P Fahrenheim (SA), 9-6, 9-1, 9-1.

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Blocker's fists do all the talking

On the understanding that nice guys finish second Maurice Blocker, from Washington DC, will not beat Lloyd Honeyghan, the abrasive world welterweight boxing champion from London, at the Albert Hall on Saturday.

Like many a good fighter, the lanky Blocker is a quiet man outside the ring, intelligent enough to have managed himself to be No. 1 contender for Honeyghan's World Boxing Council title.

In action, he is fully committed and enjoys his work — signs that may give Honeyghan a tougher defence than he cares to admit. The only difference between sparring and the real thing was the headguards and big gloves. Otherwise it looked like trench warfare.

Blocker boxed five rounds with Osely Silas, a middleweight, and two with Simon Brown, who is ranked No. 6 in the world. It was all high class and an extraordinarily severe session for a man only four days away from a world title fight. But Blocker said: "If I feel good, I work harder." He not only felt good, he looked good as well, though he may lack the champion's destructive power and he is thin enough to appear vulnerable around the middle.

The American claims that he never dislikes his opponents — in marked contrast to Honeyghan — and never had any street fights. Unlike most visiting Americans, he hopes the best man will win. He is Catholic in religion and taste: a family man who says he has never thought much about the pot of gold that lies ahead if he wins on Saturday. "My wife and children are the pleasure of my life," he said.

- Fidel Bassa, the World Boxing Association flyweight champion from Colombia, begins serious gymnasium work today (George Ace writes).

Bassa, delayed for 36 hours en route, did some bag work and light exercises at the Eastwood Gymnasium yesterday in preparation for his title defence against Dave McAuley, of Larne, at the King's Hall next Saturday.

Billy Chams, his manager, expressed confidence that Bassa would retain his title.

Murphy risks a storm

By Keith Macklin

The manager of St Helens, Alex Murphy, risks a storm of criticism and a possible Rugby League inquiry after naming his squad for the derby game against Wigan at Central Park on Good Friday. Murphy has chosen a squad including a trialist winger, three players making their first-team debuts, and two players who will be playing their first full senior games.

In addition several of the recognized first-team players are suffering from injuries and may not be risked in a match which is expected to bring a crowd approaching 30,000 to Wigan.

St Helens meet Halifax in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on May 2, and there will be an inevitable outcry that Murphy is deliberately fielding a weakened team to protect his players for the big occasion.

Murphy was unrepentent yesterday. "We have been badly hit by injuries

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Marathon boost

The Japanese twins, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, are the latest entries for his Mars London Marathon on May 10. They will be a formidable threat to the two British favourites, Charlie Spedding and Hugh Jones, both former winners. Takeshi Soh has a best time of 2hr 8min 55sec;Shigeru Soh has run 2:09:06.

WCA wait

The Women's Cricket Association executive committee is to confirm the facts before taking any action against five players, who according to Press reports, coached and played cricket in South Africa this winter in direct contravention of the WCA's strict policy on South Africa.

Myler leaving

The Oldham Rugby League club manager, Frank Myler, has confirmed that he will leave the club at the end of the season. His three-year contract expires in August but Myler will finish after the last game, next Monday's home match against Wigan, unless Oldham qualify for a top-eight spot.



Sibson: bout postponed

Sibson delay

Tony Sibson has been ruled out of his British middleweight boxing title contest against Sheffield's Brian Anderson, at the Albert Hall on April 22. Sibson has been fighting a losing battle against a viral infection. His contest with Anderson is off until May at least.

Saracens blow

Reza Khalili, the Iranian flanker who has been a major figure in the Saracens rugby union team over the last two seasons, is to be forced to quit Britain for the United States after this season because he cannot get a work permit.

Heavy fines

The Scottish Basketball Association yesterday issued the heaviest fines in their history to two Falkirk club officials following a sponsorship row at last month's Scottish play-off championships. Derek Mclean, the club secretary, and Neil Rankine, the chairman, were both fined £1,000 for bringing the game into disrepute. They have also been suspended from holding any office with a basketball club in Scotland.

Self discipline

John Fullarton, the Scotland bowler who was removed from the green during last month's home international indoor championship in Aberdeen, will not play international bowls again before 1990. Fullarton said in a letter to the Scottish Indoor Bowling Association: "I am withdrawing myself from all forms of competitive indoors bowls in the foreseeable future which comes under the direct control of the Scottish Indoor Bowling Association and the British and World Indoor Bowls Councils." He added that the incident was caused by "a combination of prescribed medicine, alcohol and the intense heat."